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BRITISH SUPPLIES GOING TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. British munitions factories have started to send arms and ammunition to Finland, according to the "Evening Standard" last night.

The newspaper adds that units of the Royal Navy are keeping watch over the ships in which the supplies are being transported in order that they may reach their destination safely.

Although keeping her own needs to the forefront, says the "Standard," Britain is granting as many licenses as possible for the export of war material to Finland.

SUPPLY OF PLANES

Meanwhile, an Amsterdam report says that several Finnish air force officers recently passed through the Netherlands bound for London.

It is believed that they will fly back British planes for the Finnish air force.—Havas.

SINKING OF GNEISENAU

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

COPENHAGEN, TO-DAY. DESPITE THE DENIAL PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 22 BY D.N.B., THE OFFICIAL NAZI NEWS AGENCY, LATVIAN SOURCES PERSIST IN STATING THAT THE GNEISENAU, CRACK NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD LINER ON THE FAR EASTERN RUN, HAS BEEN SUNK IN THE BALTIC.

The same sources point out that the loss of the Gneisenau was announced at the time by the official Soviet radio stations.

It is impossible to learn whether the liner was sunk by a mine or submarine.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day. THE BERLIN CORRESPONDENTS of several Swiss newspapers report that Germany's attitude towards the Russo-Finnish conflict is the main object of comment in neutral circles in the Nazi capital.

So far no official statement has been issued, and Nazi officials are highly reticent.

The correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," however, learns from authoritative sources that Germany considers that a country in which British or French fight, even as volunteers, must be considered the Reich's enemy.

The same circles reject comparison with the case of Spain, where the German Condor Legion fought against the Madrid Government, declaring that the Spanish war was a civil and not an international conflict.

The correspondent was unable to obtain a clear statement in Berlin regarding Germany's attitude towards Sweden and Nor-

way should these countries facilitate the transit of British and French volunteers.

Meanwhile, some neutral quarters wonder if Germany will not take advantage of the Soviet's present difficulties to impose on Moscow a military alliance, a step to which the Soviet has so far been reluctant.—Havas.

PATROLS PENETRATE NAZI LINES

Paris, To-day.

A French patrol penetrated the Nazi lines one and a half miles east of the Saar and brought back valuable information concerning heavy German troop concentrations just behind the Siegfried Line.

Near the Saar river, the patrol had a skirmish with a German patrol and brought back several prisoners.

It is revealed that in skirmishes in the Vosges region, when German detachments of from 50 to 100 men were surprised and scattered with heavy losses, the French did not lose a single man, nor was anyone injured.—Havas.

NEW JOB FOR GOERING

Berlin, To-day. General Goering has been given a new post, which makes him Germany's economic dictator.—Reuter.

DENMARK MINES HER COASTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day. In order to facilitate the work of coastguards for preserving Danish neutrality, further mine barrages have been laid between Moen and Falster, in the straits separating Denmark and Sweden.

As a precaution against submarines a chain of nets is to be laid at the entrance to Sonderborg harbour, which commands the entrance to Fieburg Fjord, on the German-Danish frontier.—Havas.

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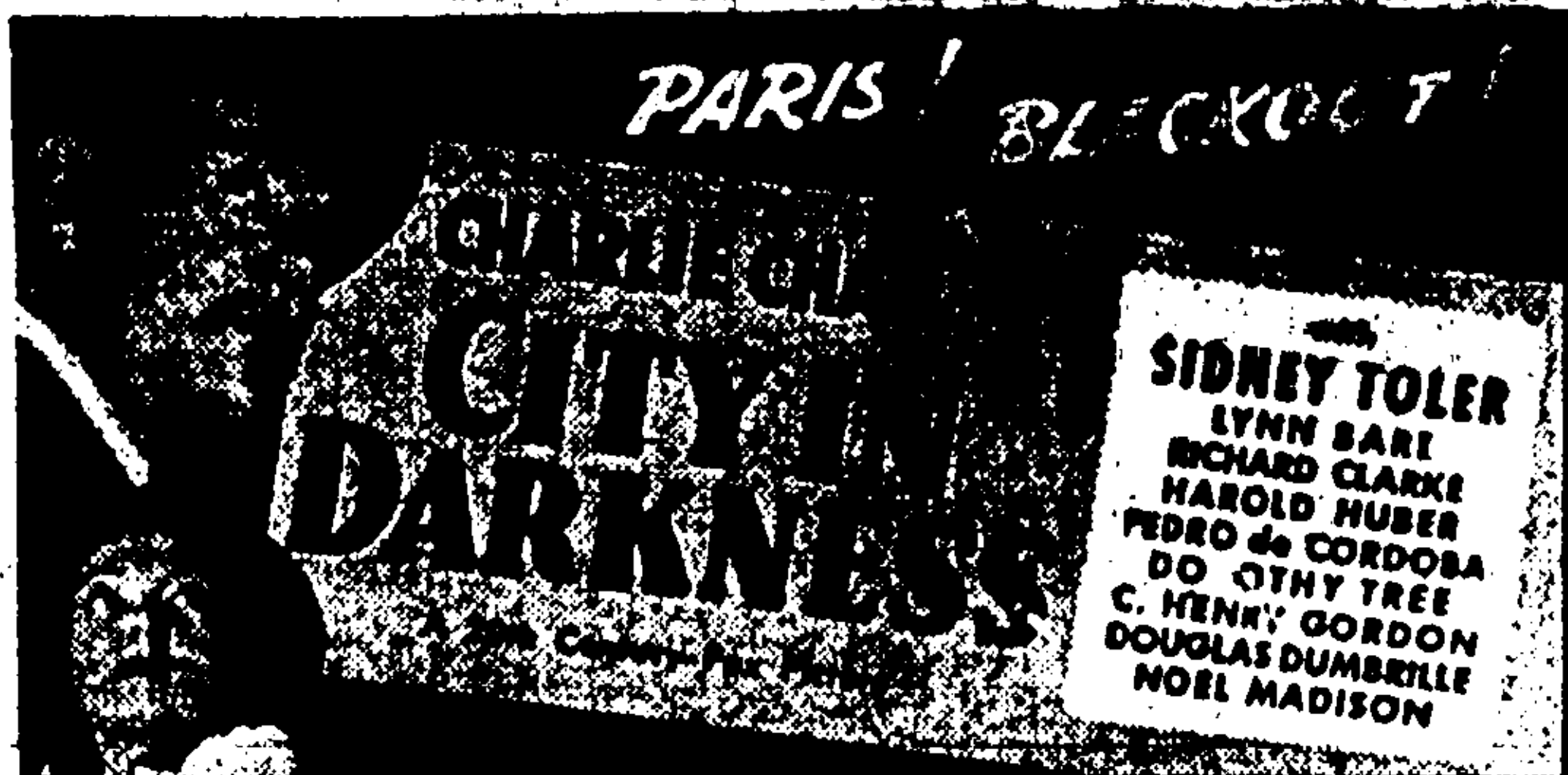
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GERMAN MYSTERY YACHT A PRIZE OF WAR

London, To-day.

THE ELVIRA III, a German mystery yacht condemned this week as legal prize of war, tugs at her anchor chain in a Thames Estuary creek and awaits a buyer under order of the British Prize Court.

Her German crew of two are in an internment camp and Thames yachtsmen are congratulating themselves that their suspicions appear to have been justified. It was through them that police swooped on the yacht and seized her.

The Elvira slipped into the river last August and anchored. The two Germans—one aged about 45 was called Herr Doktor by his younger comrade—did not talk much. They said they had sailed from Kiel "just for pleasure."

The fact, and the large number of letters which arrived for them bearing German postmarks, aroused suspicions.

They invited no one on board—which is unusual, for yachtsmen of all nations are good mixers and like to yarn about their cruisers.

Even when war seemed imminent, the mystery sailors stayed on. They said the weather was blowing up badly.

CREW INTERNED

Eventually one of the local yachtsmen told the police of the suspicions. There are several important buildings along the waterfront, and the Germans were in an ideal position to watch shipping movements.

The next day Special Branch officers boarded the Elvira. After a talk with the crew they towed the yacht up-river. It was learned later that the crew had been interned.—Our Own Correspondent.

U.S. JUDICIARY

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Francis Biddle, at present a Judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals, has been nominated for the post of Solicitor-General.

Mr. Frank Murphy, former Attorney-General, replaces Mr. Pierce Butler, who died in November. Mr. Murphy is the President's fifth nominee to the nine-man Supreme Court.—Reuter.

ITALIAN ENVOY LEAVES MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador to Moscow left for Rome on Wednesday night.—Reuter.

HEADLESS CORPSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A HEADLESS CORPSE WAS FOUND AT NANTAO, SHANGHAI'S SOUTHERN SUBURB, ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Investigation revealed that it was a Chinese male whose head was chopped off after death by some "Wah Tai" gambler who usually prays beside a human skull for winning his game of fortune.

The victim, who looked like a beggar and heroin addict, had died of exposure on a piece of vacant ground.

The Chinese press here says that "Wah Tai" gambling fever prevails in Nantao.—Havas.

KUOMINTANG OVERSEAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The local papers report that several delegates from the Kuomintang headquarters are leaving soon for the United States and the Philippines to develop Kuomintang activities and to organise youths into "San-Min-Chu-I" formations.

It is expected that 10,000 youths would be enlisted in the United States.—Havas.

MR. ATTLEE'S MESSAGE TO THE TROOPS

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the British Labour leader, who is touring the B.E.F. in France, has issued a message in which he assures the men that their interests at home are being watched and that care is being taken of their relatives.—Reuter.

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ALL U.K. DEEP SEA SHIPPING TO BE REQUISITIONED

London, To-day.

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING has announced that in the interests of efficient conduct of the war he has extended the policy of requisitioning of shipping.

The Government is satisfied that the regular execution of shipping programmes will be most effectively secured by bringing shipping under full control.

NAZIS CHANGE THE TALE AGAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A DISCREPANCY IS REMARKED IN LONDON BETWEEN THE FIRST GERMAN ACCOUNT OF TUESDAY'S ACTION OVER THE NORTH SEA, IN WHICH TWO BRITISH BOMBERS WERE LOST, AND LATER GERMAN VERSIONS OF THE ENGAGEMENT.

The original German story described how "three British planes were attacked by a swarm of German Messerschmidts and after a short engagement all were shot down."

In a later German statement, however, it was claimed: "On the German side only four planes took part—not twelve as British propaganda asserts in order to show numerical superiority."

Thus between the issue of the first and subsequent accounts a "swarm" has become only four.—British Wireless.

SHANGHAI POSTMEN ON STRIKE

Shanghai, To-day.

Shanghai postmen went on strike yesterday.

They are protesting against the

Action was taken at the beginning of December to requisition for full cargoes of cereals imported on account of the Ministry of Food on the North Atlantic route, and the same system is now being applied to shipments of all full cargoes of cereals, oilseeds and sugar upon Government account.

It is also being applied to the carriage of iron ore and certain other essential metal cargoes as part of the general application of requisition to all tramp shipping.

OPERATION OF SCHEME

Sir John Gilmour stated yesterday that he planned to apply the policy of requisition at an early date to all ships on the United Kingdom and Colonial registers engaged in deep-sea liner trades as from the date when they complete their first discharge in the United Kingdom after the scheme comes into operation.

Sir John Gilmour said that the same reasons which had been found to have a compelling force in favour of this policy in the last war actuated him. The course was necessary in order to find tonnage for more urgent national employment by providing greater unity of control and identity of interest would enable tonnage to be used effectively and material economies of tonnage to be secured.

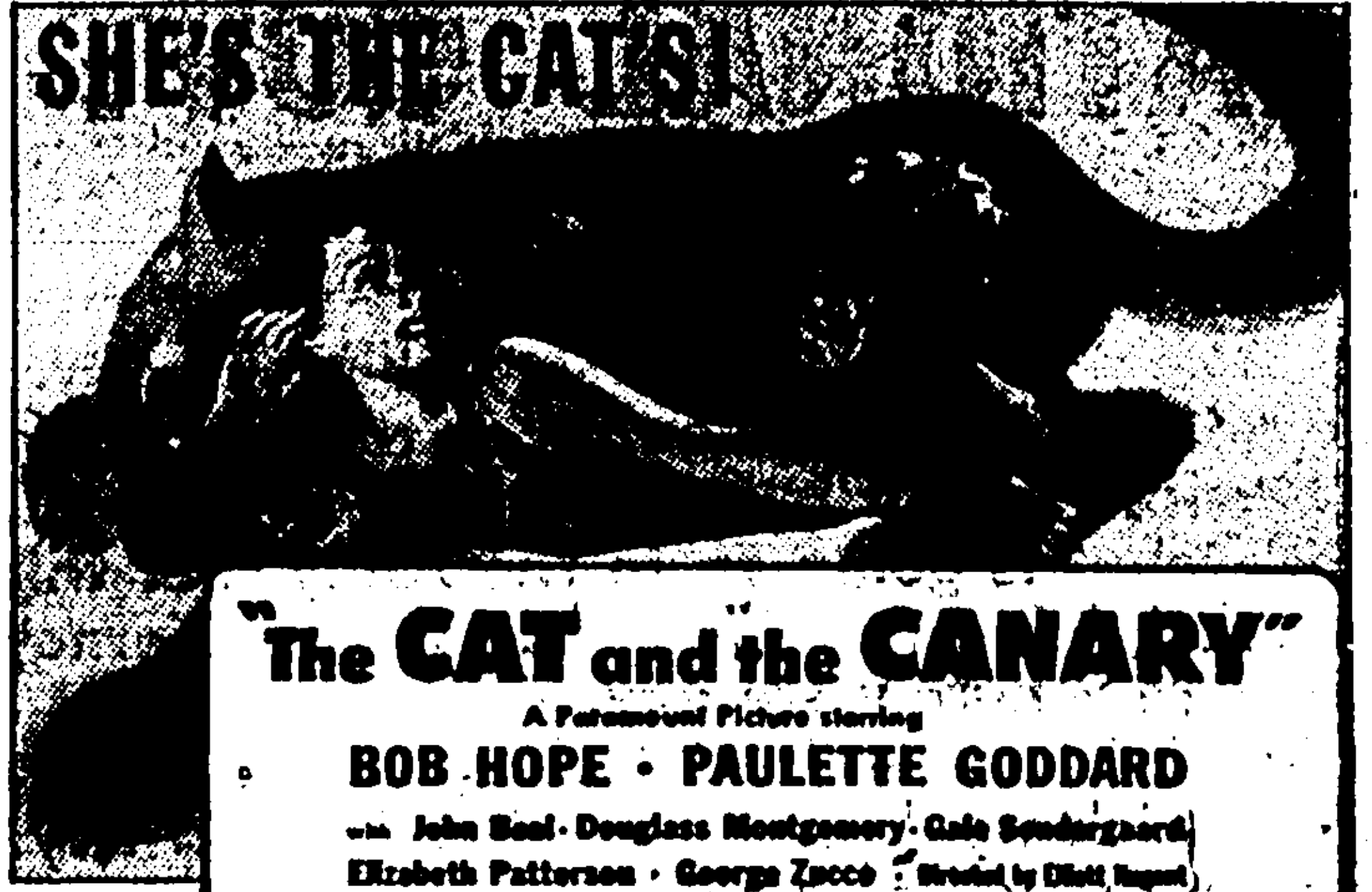
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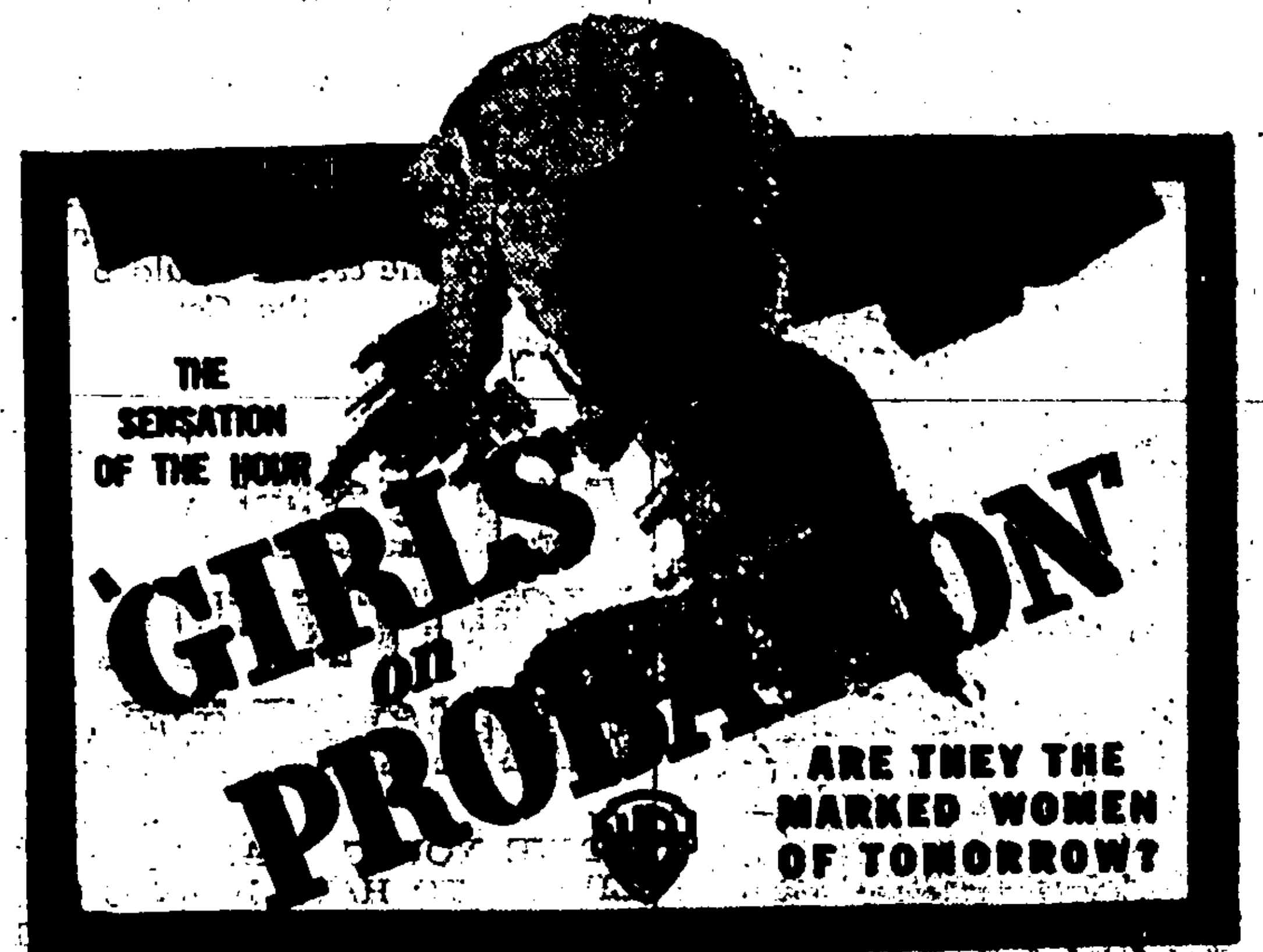
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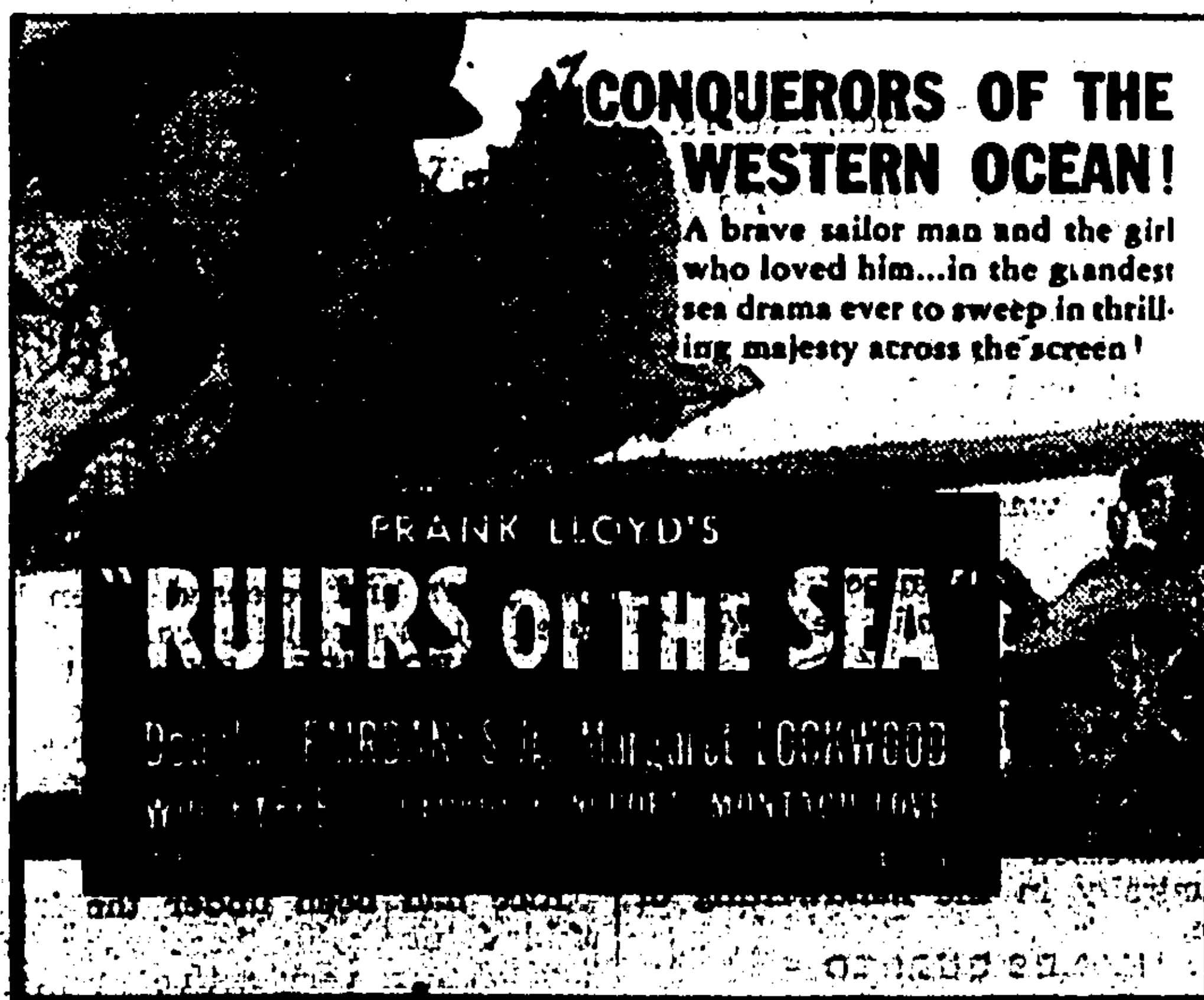
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Blunt Speaking In Eire: Bad Discipline In The Army

FORMATION OF NATIONAL GOVT. URGED

Dublin, To-day.

"I am not surprised at the raid on the magazine in Phoenix Park; it is patent to anybody familiar with what is going on in the Army that things are bad," declared Professor Michael Tierney in the Eire Senate yesterday.

"Discipline is undermined and there are irregularities which would never be permitted in any ordinary army," he added.

Professor Tierney urged the formation of a national government, and said that unless the two principal parties in Eire came to some arrangement they would soon find the country had no use for either of them, or for parliamentary institutions in general.

Mr. Richard Mulcahy urged co-operation between the Governments of Eire, Great Britain and Ulster, so that Eirann citizens would not be allowed to damage property or endanger lives in North Ireland or Britain, or endanger political relations between Eire and Britain.

NEW BILL IN DAIL

While the Senate was sitting yesterday the Dail considered another Bill which seeks to put into permanent form the legislation authorising the detention of persons suspected of activities against the State.

It is necessary for the Government to introduce this Bill in order to repeal the second part of the Offences Against the State Act, which Mr. Justice Duffy recently pronounced unconstitutional.

Mr. Frank Aiken, the Minister of Defence, said: "When small nations are falling like ninepins all over the world, if this small nation is to survive it must have discipline, and the Government must have the support of all good citizens in suppressing revolutionary activities."—Reuter.

OVERWHELMING DAIL MAJORITY

Dublin, To-day.

The Dail yesterday passed the final stages of the Offences Against the State Bill by 62 to 7 votes.

Labour and one Independent voted against the measure, but the opposition supported the Government.

The Premier, Mr. de Valera, in the course of the debate, said that carelessness in routine was responsible for the magazine raid.

He remarked it would be serious if the Act was unconstitutional. If such were the case it would be necessary to change the Constitution. —Reuter.

ALLEGED YOUTHFUL GANGSTERS

FIVE YOUNG GANGSTERS, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN OPERATING UNDER INSTRUCTION IN THE YAUMATI DISTRICT FOR SOME TIME, WERE CHARGED BY DET.-SGT. N. B. FRASER BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING WITH SNATCHING HANDBAGS AND RECEIVING.

Their last known victims were Mrs. La Combe and Miss Grancau, from whom they stole handbags, containing U.S.\$85 and H.K.\$345 and H.K.\$111 respectively, in Nathan Road on New Year's Eve.

They were arrested, it was stated, in a house in Temple Street, alleged to be their headquarters, when dividing the spoils.

A remand for further investigations was ordered.

Two cases of smallpox, both in Kowloon, were reported to the Medical Department yesterday. There were also two typhoid, three dysentery, one diphtheria and 12 tuberculosis cases.

I.R.A. ROUND-UP CONTINUES

Dublin, To-day.

It is now reported that over 20 men were arrested yesterday in Dublin and County Cork.

The arrests are believed to be part of the general round-up of suspected members of the Irish Republican Army.—Reuter.

WOMAN WILL PAINT WAR AT FRONT

London, Dec. 16.

The first woman artist to be sent by the War Office to the Western Front is Miss Gwen le Gallienne—daughter of the poet and author, Richard le Gallienne.

Like other artists sent out by the authorities, she will be salaried and have status equivalent to that of a war correspondent.

I found her yesterday, excited and pleased, in her studio near Charing Cross.

TO SEE THE FIGHTING

"I began painting when I was quite young," she told me, "and did a number of pictures before I began to take lessons to find out what was wrong with them. Now I've done still lifes and landscapes, but chiefly portraits."

"In France I hope to go as close as possible to action in the front line. I want to be with the men, and see them at work. I want to write, too, about them from the woman's point of view."

Only one thing will be strange to her—for her uniform will consist of regulation tunic and skirt.

"Skirts will be rather strange to work in," she says, "for almost all my painting has been done in slacks, and if possible, an open-neck shirt. Well, I think I'll get used to it."

NEWSPAPERS BY AIR FOR LIGHTHOUSE

Lighthouse-keepers in storm-bound and remote districts have to thank war conditions for regular deliveries by air of newspapers, magazines and books.

The idea originated among Royal Air Force coastal command aircraft crews, who fly daily over the sea on reconnaissance. Lighthouse-keepers never fail to give the crews a cheery wave as the aircraft fly over. The airmen thought they would like to leave behind something tangible to relieve the monotony of the lighthousemen's vigil.

Before dropping his package of newspapers, the pilot flies low over his targets, with engine throttled back, while the navigator at the open window with the gifts. When the pilot shouts "now" the navigator drops a package.

Sometimes the parcels slip off the precipitous rock into the sea, whence the lighthouse men fish them out. Usually however, there is sufficient flat ground at the base of the lighthouse to ensure a safe drop. One lighthouse-keeper has a minute garden on which the pilchard take pride in scoring a "direct hit".

The lighthouse occupants acknowledge the gifts with excited waves, one of them during the last "paper raid" on his post, ran out and spread on the ground a sheet with the words:—"we thank you R.A.F."

SOVIET PLANS IN CHINA NOT KNOWN

Shanghai, To-day.

The Norwegian Consul has denied knowledge of any intended re-establishment of the Soviet Consulate in Shanghai.

The Norwegian Consul has been in charge of Soviet affairs since the Soviet Consulate closed.—Our Own Correspondent.

FATHER AND SON JAILED AS BOMBERS WORE SHAMROCK IN COURT

London, Dec. 16.

A 23-year-old Irishman, William Bradley, was said at Birmingham Assizes yesterday to have been identified because a set of false teeth found in the street fitted him.

With Stanley Joseph Rice, aged 27, he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude for conspiring to cause an explosion. Patrick M'Brine, aged 57, Rice's father, was sentenced to 15 years.

All three wore shamrock sprigs in their buttonholes and refused to plead.

Mr. Richard O'Sullivan, K. C., prosecuting, said after letter-box fires in Birmingham a letter containing explosive material was found in the street, addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty in the handwriting of M'Brine.

HANDS BURNED

Then something exploded in Bradley's pocket and he and Rice ran away. At Rice's lodging more explosive material was found.

A set of false teeth picked up in the street was found to fit Bradley, who was found sitting in a Holyhead train

with one of his hands badly burned. Rice and Bradley were found guilty of possessing explosives, causing an explosion, and conspiracy to cause an explosion and M'Brine guilty of conspiracy and not guilty of the other two charges.

Inspector Mackenzie said that M'Brine had been a member of the I.R.A. for many years, and in 1920 was responsible for serious crimes in Northern Ireland. He was interned for two years and released when he entered into a recognisance.

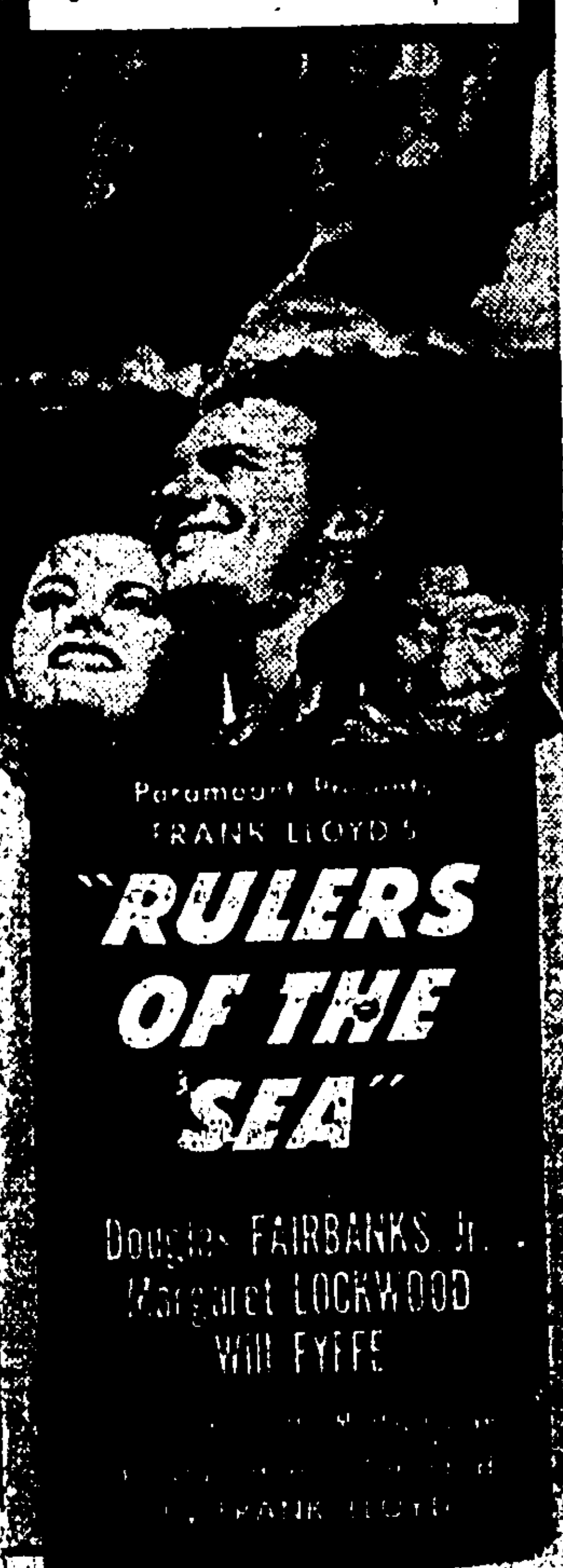
BROTHERS EXPELLED

Bradley was one of a well-known family of I.R.A. members. Two of his brothers had been expelled from Birmingham, and he came to take their place.

Rice had been under the influence of his father, who, there was no doubt, had taken a very active part in outrages in Birmingham.

His handwriting had been identified on many envelopes containing incendiary bombs which had been posted in Birmingham, and some of which had exploded in London, Northampton and Manchester.

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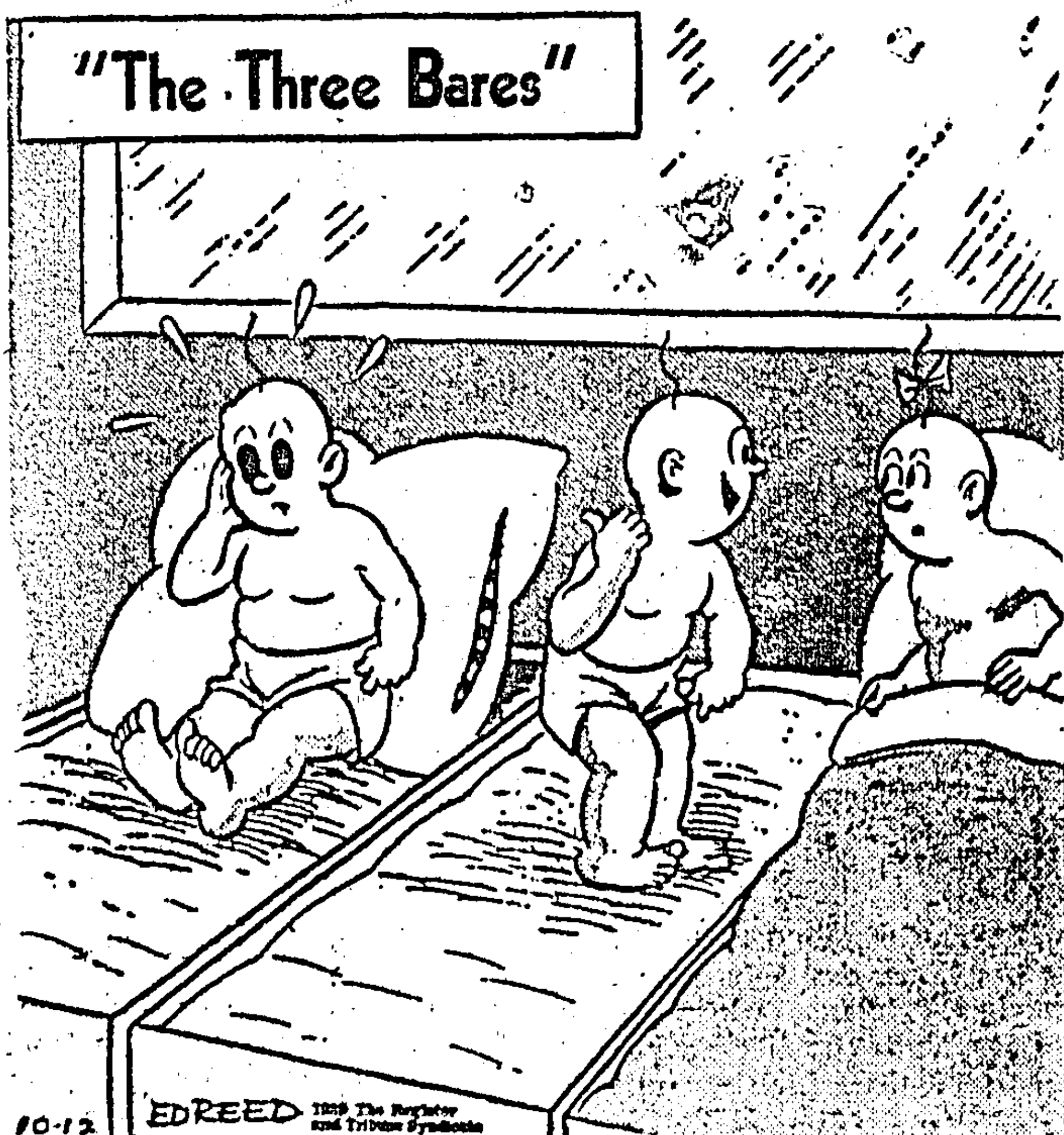
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Fierce Battle Raging On The Salla Front

SOVIET BOMBERS NOW ATTACKING FINLAND'S RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS

London, To-day.
REPORTS FROM BOTH Copenhagen and Stockholm state that the Soviets staged one of their most ambitious air raids on Wednesday on the town of Tornea, at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Twenty aeroplanes are said to have bombed the outskirts of the town; two were shot down. The railway bridge a few miles east of Tornea is said to be damaged. If this is so, the Finns will be deprived of valuable means of supply from Sweden.

This raid raises the question of where the Soviet planes came from. The nearest large Soviet town is Murmansk and the outward and home journey from Murmansk is 680 miles. From Leningrad, the round-trip would be one of nearly 1,000 miles. It is possible, however, that the Soviets have established temporary air bases on frozen lakes near their lines on the Central Front.

The Soviets have also bombed Oulu (Uleaborg), an important railway town on the Gulf of Bothnia, some 60 to 70 miles south of Tornea. It is also a railway centre.

NEW PROGRAMME

These raids are believed to be part of a new Soviet plan to attack railways and harbours in order to hinder foreign assistance to Finland.

TANKS NOW PILLBOXES

More details of how the Finns routed the Soviets at Suomussalmi a few days ago became available yesterday.

The Finns had no artillery available and so operated in small groups. They first destroyed the field kitchens, then the supplies and then the convoys, eventually attacking the almost starving Soviet troops.

The Finns have now turned a large number of the captured Soviet tanks to good use. The tanks are half-sunk into the ground and make excellent pill-boxes.—Reuter.

LEAFLET RAIDS ON Leningrad

London, To-day.
There was aerial activity by both the Finns and the Soviets yesterday. The Helsinki correspondent of a Swedish paper reports that Finnish aeroplanes flew over Leningrad on Wednesday, dropping leaflets containing the speech of the Finnish Foreign Minister addressed to M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar. Other leaflet planes flew over the Soviet lines in the Karelian Isthmus and dropped pamphlets telling of the good treatment the Finns gave their prisoners.

The leaflets include photographs showing the prisoners wearing warm clothes and also showed Russian aeroplanes which had been shot down and captured Russian tanks and other war material. — Reuter.

EXTREME COLD IN PETSAMO AREA

Helsinki, To-day.
Extreme cold has put a stop to all activity in the Petsamo region, but the battle at Salla continues to rage.

In the south, the Red Army continues to batter at the Mannerheim Line, adopting tactics suggesting that they are pursuing a campaign of attrition.

Attacks are made in considerable strength after heavy preliminary bombardment. At no point have they succeeded in penetrating the Finnish defences. Where ground has been given, it has been restored by swift counter-attack.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS THROWN BACK ACROSS THE FRONTIER

Stockholm, To-day.
REPORTS FROM ROVANIEMI, headquarters of the Finnish northern army, say that the second battle to be fought on the Salla front within a week is now raging fiercely.

The battle is taking place to the north of Salaa, on Finland's eastern frontier.

It is rumoured that the Russians are having a bad time, and have already been thrust back across the frontier.

An Oslo message says Finland has ordered 300 ski sledges in the Norwegian capital to transport wounded. Norway is presenting Finland with a further 200 ski sledges.

Thirty doctors and numerous nurses have answered the Finnish appeal for medical assistance.—Reuter.

POLISH ARMY TO BE READY IN THE SPRING

LONDON, TO-DAY.
SUBSTANTIAL POLISH FORCES WILL BE READY TO FIGHT BESIDE THE ALLIES AT THE BEGINNING OF SPRING, M. RACZYNSKI, POLISH AMBASSADOR TO LONDON, SAID AT A LUNCHEON YESTERDAY.

He protested against German allegations of Polish atrocities and said that the Nazis, not content with destroying the Poles at home, were now trying to destroy their good name abroad.

The Nazis were making every effort to kill the spirit of the Poles, particularly by means of concentration camps. The whole of the population of Western Poland was being driven from home, and to-day there is not a single Pole in the once thriving Polish port of Gdynia.—Reuter.

U.S. AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Washington, To-day.

Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Senate, yesterday expressed the opinion that the question of American assistance to Finland will be discussed by the committee on January 10.

Several Senators suggest that the United States cancel altogether the remaining part of the Finnish War Debt, and in addition extend a fresh credit to Finland.—Havas.

SWEDEN'S MILITARY AID TO FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
The Swedish soldier, General Ernst Linder, is going to Finland this week to take up command of the sector occupied by Swedish volunteers.

Lt.-Col. Ehrensward is accompanying him as Chief of his General Staff.—Havas.

FIGHTING QUALITIES OF THE FINNS

London, To-day.
Praise for the magnificent fighting qualities displayed by the Finnish soldiers was given in a leading article in "The Times" yesterday.

There were a number of contributing factors on the Soviet side which materially assisted the Finns the paper goes on.

Stalin, in the first place, was militarily incompetent and miscalculated. Russians living close to Finland would obviously be more able to endure the weather conditions prevailing there than those from other parts of Soviet Russia.

But they suffered from the usual difficulty, that Russian soldiers do not like to attack their neighbours; hence, troops from other parts of the country had to be used.

Then again, Stalin, for political reasons, has destroyed a large number of his best professional officers. And finally, Russian soldiers who have been raised in a belief in God and their country have now been shorn of those ideals. — Reuter.

CUTTING OF SOVIET RAILWAY CONFIRMED

Helsinki, To-day.
THE CUTTING OF THE Leningrad/Murmansk railway line is officially confirmed in Finnish military despatches. The railway line, according to the despatches, was badly damaged and virtually put out of action by daring Finnish ski troops, aided by the revived Finnish Air Force.

Finnish aeroplanes also bombed Soviet air bases on the Estonian island of Dagö and Oesel, recently "leased" to the Soviets under the terms of the Soviet-Estonian pact. Much damage was done, and it is understood that among the planes taking part in the raid were some of the 50 Spitfires and 20 Savoia bombers which recently arrived from Britain and Italy.

It is not known whether these planes were also used in the attacks on the Leningrad-Murmansk railway, the cutting of which is termed a "crushing blow" to Soviet Russia in Helsinki.

MANNERHEIM DEFENCE
Meanwhile, the Soviet artillery and infantry are continuing to hammer at the Mannerheim Line. The Finns dispose of one attack on another, but the Soviets have plenty more to continue the hammering.

Military experts, however, believe that the Finns can hold out in the Mannerheim Line indefinitely. The

"line" consists of trenches, barbed wire, tank traps and camouflaged gun and machine-gun nests.—Reuter.

ABANDONMENT EXPECTED

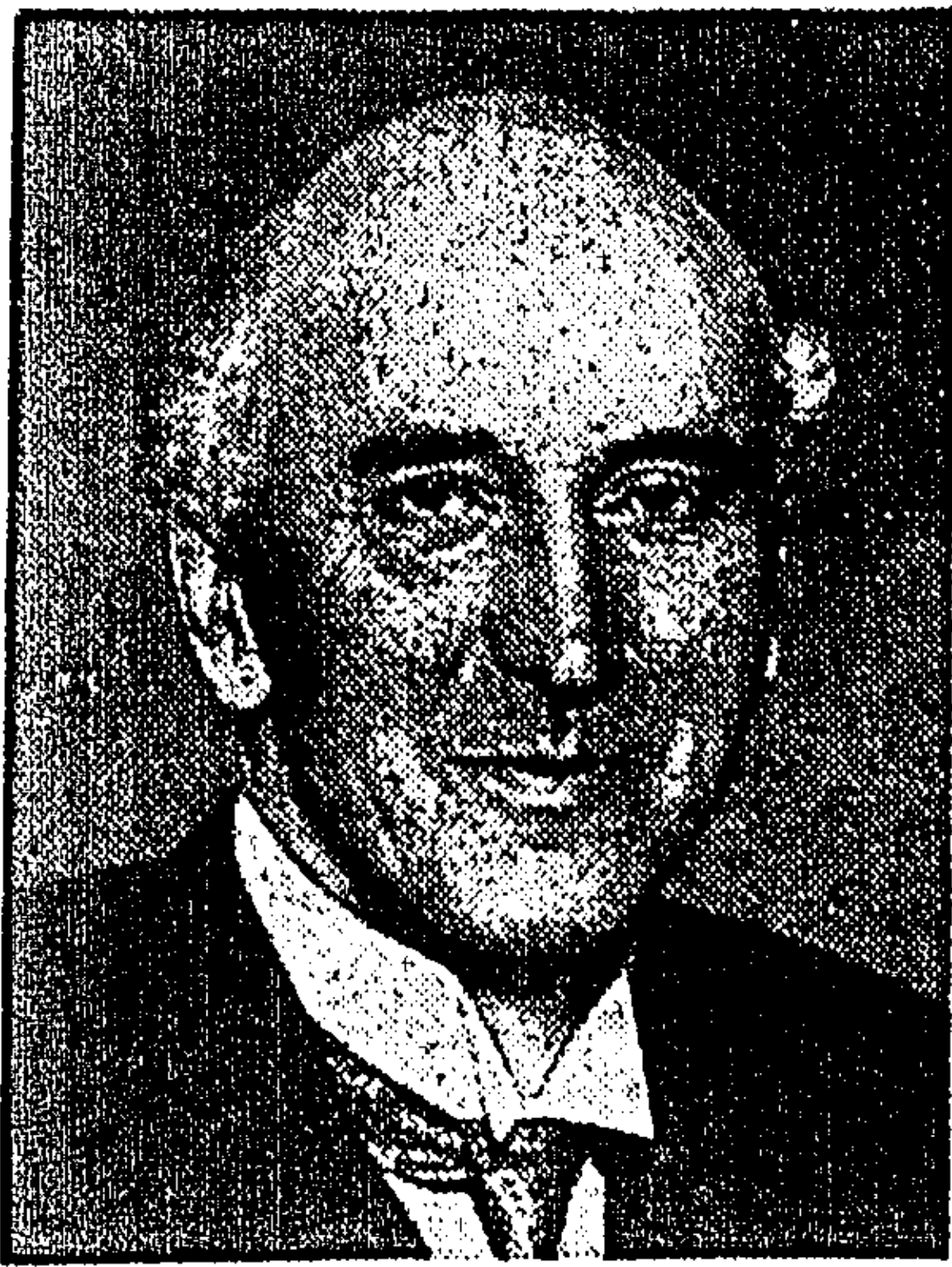
London, To-day.
Semi-official circles in London, commenting on the cutting of the Leningrad-Murmansk railway line, say that it is probable that the Soviets will now abandon the railway as a means of conveying provisions to the Russian troops on the Polar Front and will concentrate on using motor lorries along the small highways to the Far North.—Reuter.

EMERGENCY U.S. MEASURES

Washington, To-day.
The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate is to be asked to consider emergency measures of aid to Finland.—Reuter.

U.S. BUDGET SPEECH

New Barracks In Hawaii::::More Merchant Ships



Sir John Simon, who yesterday declined to encourage civil servants to expect salary increases to compensate for the rising cost of living.

SHE SENT £10,000 TO HELP ALLIES

It was announced yesterday that the £1,000,000 fund for the purchase of supplies for the Allies, as sponsored by the mayors of the principal cities in South Africa, has received a cheque for £10,000 from Miss Elsie Garlick, member of a well-known Capetown family.

Miss Garlick stipulated that the money should be used at the discretion of the British Government, and the Mayor of Johannesburg, who is chairman of the fund, has announced that the donation will be forwarded to London within the next few days.

INTERINED SOLDIER SENTENCED

A Chinese internee, Mak-Chi-ching, 35, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour this morning by Mr. E. Hims-worth for damaging Government property in the new camp in Argyle Street.

Inspector H. E. Rogers said accused interfered with the electric wire in his sleeping hut, as he wanted more light.

MOTOR ACCIDENT

A Chinese, Au Yeung-ling, was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital for injuries to his head, after he had been knocked down by a motor car driven by Signalman J. Egan, of the Royal Signals Corps, in Island Road, near Main Street, Shaukiwan, yesterday.

THEFT OF A LETTER

Found guilty of stealing a letter from No. 1A, Queen Victoria Street, Man Lau, 29, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

Defendant was seen taking the letter out of the box on the staircase.

FITTER'S LOSS

A fitter on board the s.s. St. Bernard has informed the Police that while the ship was on the high sea, someone on board stole £50 in notes from his coat pocket.

TAXATION TO BE ON BASIS OF ABILITY TO PAY

Washington, To-day.

IN THE COURSE OF A review of fiscal policy in his Budget Speech, President Roosevelt pointed out that the deliberate use of Government funds to energise private enterprise profoundly affected both Government and private incomes.

National income in four years had risen 69 per cent., the biggest rise in any similar period in history. The Work Progress Administration would be enabled to provide employment for an average of 135,000 people.

The Farm Security Administration would operate on about 80 per cent. of last year's level.

Relief expenditure would be closely geared to actual needs, but present hopes were disappointed, revised estimates might be submitted later in the session.

Replying to criticism of the Public Debt, President Roosevelt pointed out that there were durable and tangible assets constructed or purchased by the Government, though these had never yet been listed.

The expenditure estimates included nearly \$150,000,000 for construction of merchant ship-ping.

One of the largest army construction items was \$1,264,000 for barracks at Hawaii.

ABILITY TO PAY

The President did not tell Congress how he proposed to raise the new defence taxes, but suggested they should follow the principle of taxing according to ability to pay, and avoid taxes which would decrease the consumer's buying power.

It is generally believed that this rules out excise taxes and suggests the possibility of higher income taxes.—Reuter.

BUDGET TO EXCEED EIGHT THOUSAND MILLIONS

Washington, To-day.

The Budget Estimates provide for expenditure totalling US\$8,424,000,000 and revenue totalling US\$6,248,000,000, and therefore for a deficit of \$2,176,000,000 against \$3,933,000,000 in the last Budget.

The President makes recommendations for new taxation amounting to \$460,000,000 further reducing the deficit, to \$1,716,000,000.

BIG ITEMS

Programmes other than for national defence are estimated to swallow \$1,300,000,000 on work relief, \$900,000,000 on the agricultural programme, \$1,100,000,000 on public works and investments, \$1,200,000,000 on pensions, \$1,100,000,000 in interest on the public debt and \$1,000,000,000 in the operation of government departments.

The President, in his Message, said that the expenditure represented the needs of the country to develop and maintain normal defence preparations and emergency defence expenditures in view of the world situation.

There has been heavy pruning of the expenditure of other departments.

NAVY BUDGET

President Roosevelt later sent to Congress the regular Navy Budget

SUCCESSFUL CHINESE COUNTER-ATTACKS IN NORTH KWANGTUNG

Chungking, To-day.

THE CHINESE FORCES IN northern Kwangtung counter-attacked on New Year's Day and after 48 hours' heavy fighting drove the Japanese back along the entire front, declared the Chinese military spokesman at the press conference.

Reviewing the battle the spokesman stated the Japanese pushed northward from Canton in three columns in the latter part of December — the centre striking from Tsungfa, the right wing from Lungmoon and the left wing along the Canton-Hankow railway.

The two wings, and particularly the right, made rapid progress in their advance.

As the left column reached Yingtak, on the railway, the right column went beyond Meikeng and reached Yung-yun and Sanhua.

The Chinese command decided to hold the Japanese at the centre while the Chinese forces east and west of the railway attacked the Japanese wings.

The Japanese centre was halted by the Chinese in the hills in the vicinity of Liangkou and Liupeitsi, whereupon

providing for an expenditure of \$904,500,000, an increase of \$183,000,000 on last year. He explained that with certain emergency works and other extras, the grand total for the Navy would be \$1,224,000,000, and much of the increase would be devoted to warship construction.

Besides continuing work on the 120 (actual) ships, the President is asking for funds to construct two battleships, one aircraft-carrier, one minesweeper, two cruisers, eight destroyers, six submarines, one submarine tender, and three seaplane tenders.

The battleships will be the ninth and tenth constructed in five years.

65,000-TON SHIPS

Their size is not specified in the Presidential Message, but the Navy is preparing for craft of 65,000 tons. The Budget provides for 145,000 men for the Navy and 25,000 for the Marines.

The Army Budget recommends an expenditure of \$1,007,000,000, for the Army's air and land forces, being an increase of \$48,000,000 on the current year.—Reuter.

FRENCH COMMUNIST APPEAL REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The military court of appeals yesterday rejected the request of 28 former Communist Deputies for provisional liberty pending their trial.

The former Deputies are at present being held in the Santo prison in Paris on charges of attempting to reconstitute a political party banned by law.—Havas.

T. H. A. Erikson, of Conduit Road, summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for leaving his car unattended in Ice House Street, was fined \$5.

COUNTER-ATTACK

A Chinese column from Shulkwan attacked the Japanese from the north-west, while another Chinese column from south Kiangsi attacked from the north-east.

Meanwhile another Chinese detachment attacked Meikeng, in the Japanese rear.

This Japanese column was eventually forced to withdraw southward back to Lungmoon.

At the same time, the spokesman concluded, the left wing on the railway was driven back to Lienkiangkou, south of Yingtak.—Reuter.

RICE SHOPS LOOTED

Shanghai, To-day.

Ten rice shops were looted yesterday in spite of the great reduction in the price.

There many hundreds in and around Shanghai who are starving. Yesterday some 30 arrests were made in connection with looting.—Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the ridge of moderately high pressure persists between south-west China and the Bonins.

A depression is approaching Hokkaido from the Sea of Japan.

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CHINESE LAW UPHELD

Appeal Dismissed In Ching Kee Steamship Case

FALLACIOUS ASSUMPTION IN APPELLANTS' CASE

THE APPEAL AGAINST THE decision of the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Macgregor, granting the petition of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company for the winding up of the Hong Kong Branch of the Ching Kee Navigation Co., was dismissed by the Full Court of appeal, composed of Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell (president) and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, this morning.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jn., instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Deacons, were for the appellants, while the respondents were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellet.

Mr. Justice Lindsell in the course of his judgment said: This is an appeal against an order made by Sir Atholl Macgregor, C.J., in these proceedings directing the winding up of the Ching Kee Steam Navigation Company which is an unregistered company within the Companies Ordinance, 1932, but is incorporated under the laws of the Republic of China with headquarters at Chefoo in the province of Shantung and has (or had) a branch office in the Colony.

GROUND OF PETITION

The facts are fully set out in the judgment of the court below and need not be recapitulated. The application for winding up was based on three grounds, on each and all of which the learned Chief Justice held that the petitioners (the present respondents) were entitled to succeed. Those grounds were:—

1. That there had been a winding up order made by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the country in which the company was incorporated, and, as a result of that order, the corporate powers of the company had been destroyed in that country.
2. That the company had in fact ceased to carry on business in the Colony.
3. That it was just and equitable that the company should be wound up since its substratum had disappeared and as a shipping concern it was quite unable to carry on legitimate business.

NEW LINE OF ATTACK

Each of these grounds has been assailed (as in the court below) by Mr. Sheldon on behalf of the appellants but the spear-head of his attack has, with our permission, been now directed along a new line and has been aimed at the competency of the Chinese Court concerned to order the winding up of the Company in China not so much on account of the Court's inability to enforce its order as because, the province of Shantung being occupied by the Japanese military forces, its jurisdiction no longer extends to that part of the country but has been ousted by the fact of such occupation.

In my judgment, however, this view is based on the fallacious assumption that there is no distinction in law between military occupation and "de facto" sovereignty. Reading chapter IV of Hall's Treatise I can find no support for the contention that in modern times an invader is regarded by international law as "de facto" sovereign of the territory he has occupied.

It is admitted here that on the Japanese occupation of Shantung the District Court of Chefoo ceased to function, but that could not deprive the respondents of their right of action in the District Court of Chungking which had been given special jurisdiction to deal with Shantung

matters. Indeed the appellants themselves seem to have recognised that Chinese law had not ceased to run in Chefoo and Shantung since they appealed to the First Divisional Court of Szechuan (at Chungking) against the order of the Chungking District Court.

ENGLISH LAW

Even if effective military occupation were indistinguishable from "de facto" sovereignty, there is the clearest possible authority for the proposition that it is not for an English Court to declare that a state of "de facto" sovereignty exists or existed at any given time, unless it has received an authoritative communication to that effect from one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (or in a Crown Colony from the Colonial Secretary). Recognition of "de facto" sovereignty is an Act of State, and it is only when each sovereignty is recognised by His Majesty the King as head of the State that his courts will give effect to the legal rights that arise from the establishment thereof. In case of doubt, a court can apply to a Secretary of State for the necessary information.

Here, although the appellants hold many more shares than do the respondents, the business of the (Hong Kong) branch cannot possibly be carried on except to the jeopardy of the assets, or else under the control of Japanese agents (whose appointment as such was not only void but illegal under the laws of China).

For these reasons and for reasons given in the judgment of the Court below, I am satisfied that the winding up order herein was rightly made and that this appeal should be dismissed with costs.

MR. JUSTICE FRASER'S FINDING

Mr. Justice Fraser, his judgment, said:

Military necessity cannot justify the voluntary acts of private persons and so cannot warrant the refusal of



Field-Marshal Goering, recently declared to be "in disgrace," now appointed Nazi Economic Dictator.

members of this company to obey the lawful order of a Chinese Court.

We cannot assume without any evidence that the Japanese authorities have interfered, or would interfere, to keep this company alive in spite of itself or against the will of its members, or that those authorities would do anything to prevent the members of the company resorting to the Chinese Court as they have in fact done.

It has been said in this case that the Chinese Courts, in making their order, have purported to exercise extra-territorial jurisdiction in Shantung. That however is not the case. The Chinese Courts were dealing with a company incorporated in China and not in Shantung, which has no separate law of its own, and there is nothing in this case to show that, except where for special purposes the company is treated as an enemy, its character is in any way altered by the Japanese occupation.

ONUS ON APPELLANTS

A Chinese Court, duly appointed according to the law of China, has ordered the dissolution of the Company. The onus is on the appellants to show that that court had no jurisdiction. Their argument is based firstly, on the military occupation of Chefoo, where the jurisdiction of invader is limited to military necessity, and secondly, on the fact that the company for some purposes is deemed to have acquired an enemy character.

They have failed to discharge the onus and failed altogether to show that a corporation cannot be dissolved at any time in the courts of the country of its incorporation. There are, in addition, equitable grounds on which the branch in Hong Kong may be wound up.

In my view this appeal must be dismissed with costs.

GLASS, IRON JUST A MEAL TO HIM

There's a British Tommy "somewhere in Wales" who believes he could chew his way through the Siegfried Line, and all Hitler's bayonets couldn't stop him, either.

The fellow who's going to give the Nazis a No. 1 headache is Private Wally ("Human Ostrich") Haylock, well known on the stage.

He is known in London theatrical circles as the "Iron Duke." Haylock can chew up gramophone records, electric light bulbs, glass tumblers, iron and china ware, razor blades, and trifles like that, and swallow them with the aid of a swig of water.

He can stick needles and nails into his head, push knives through his muscles, cut his limbs open and then sew himself up with needle and thread without feeling any pain.

Doctors and scientists are puzzled. X-rayed at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, he was found to possess phenomenal gastronomic powers. The hospital authorities insured his body and awarded him a pension of £2 a week for life.

As soon as he leaves for active service abroad he will forfeit the £2 a week, because the hospital cannot be sure of the recovery of his body, which they want for research purposes, in the event of his being killed in action.

SHARP SENTENCES

AN ALLEGED "TELEPHONE-WIRE" THIEF, ARRESTED BY DET.-SGT. W. G. MORRISON IN TAIKOKTSUI, WAS CHARGED THIS MORNING BEFORE MR. E. HIMS-WORTH ON 13 COUNTS OF LARCENY OF WIRE FROM DIFFERENT HOUSES IN MONGKOK DISTRICT.

The mistress of an electric shop in Fuk Tsun Hing Street, was charged with receiving.

Both pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 12 months' and six months' hard labour respectively.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said the public was caused much inconvenience, as well as the Telephone Company who had to pay heavy expenses for repair.

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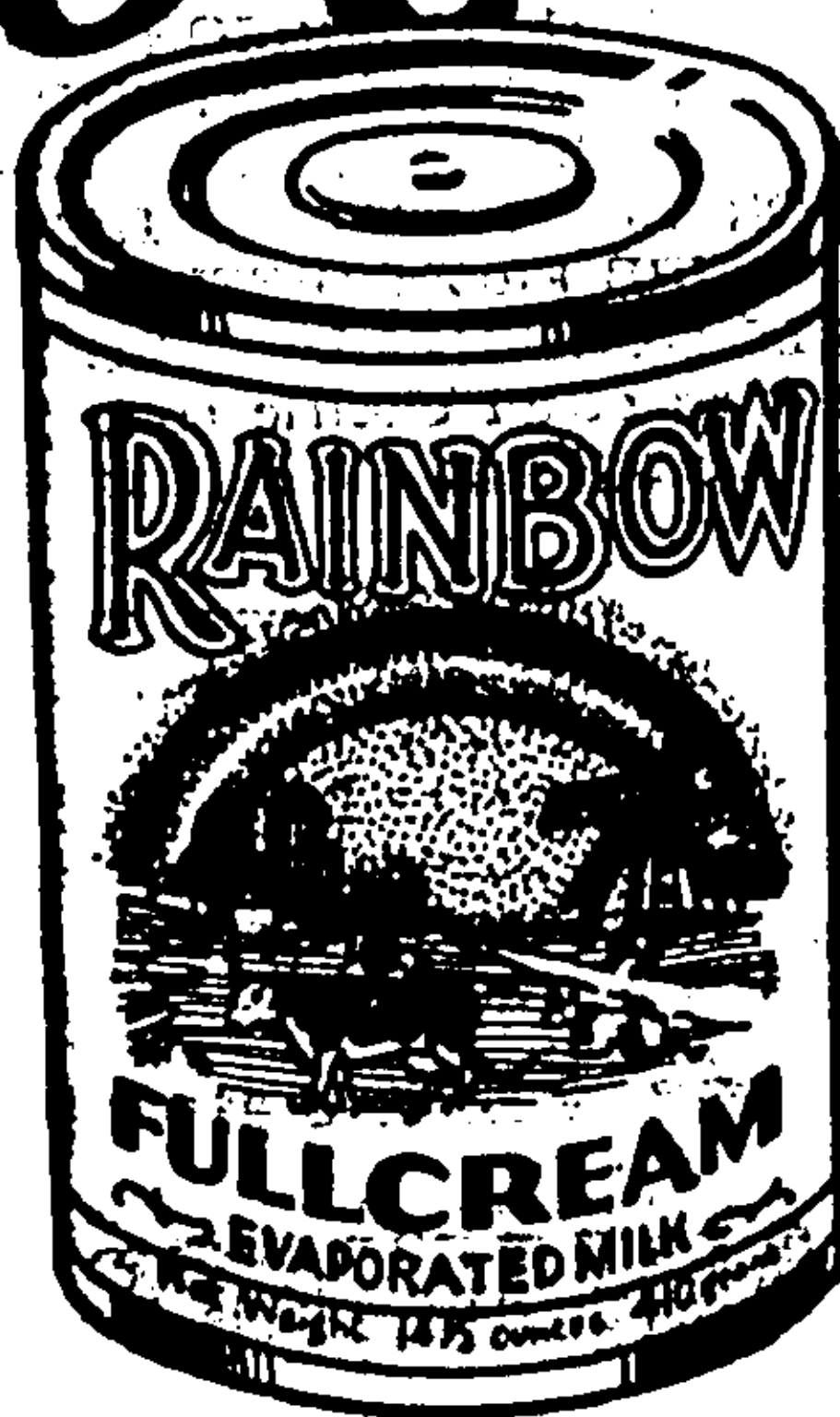
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In face of such possible developments, can Britain and France afford to maintain long their present attitude? At present these two democratic nations are trying to confine their war only to that with Germany, cautiously avoiding involvement in a conflict with the Soviet Union. But according to developments or changes in the present situation, whether they like it or not, Britain and France might possibly be forced to make the Soviet Union another direct foe to deal with. This then would mark the beginning of another world war. Indeed what serious developments may occur in the future European situation is quite inscrutable.

In view of such possibilities Japan must not depend on what it cannot, though its further pursuance of non-intervention would not be objectionable. Japan must needs consider seriously the similarity of intrinsic natures between the current China Affair and the present European war originally started between Britain and France and Germany.—"Chugai Shogyo," Tokyo.

PATRIOTISM AND PROFITS

We can have peace and prosperity at home when we desire the public good as much or more than we want private gain. We will promote world-peace when we want that more than we want advantage in world business. We need a world-patriotism inspired by justice and good will.—"The Good Citizen," Huntington Park, Calif.

NORWAY SHOCKED

"After one mined or torpedoed crew after another has been landed at Bergen we are prepared for fresh sinkings at any time; but as long as possible we have consoled ourselves with the thought that hitherto in this war the German U-boats have been humane enough to allow the crews of neutral ships time enough to escape in their lifeboats. When the news reached Bergen that the "Arne Kjoede," which with Mowinkel's "Srinida" was the largest vessel belonging to the port, had been torpedoed without warning, and that a lifeboat with seventeen men was missing, the effect was paralyzing."—"Aftenposten," Oslo.

EMPIRE EQUALITY

The loyalty of the British West Indies is world-famous, and should show itself, at this critical juncture, in mobilisation and military training. "We have not yet obtained that full measure of the management of our own affairs which we believe that our development has already earned for us. We have not the power, of the British Dominions to decide on the exact nature of the response we should ourselves have made to the British decision. The nature of our constitution, denies us that privilege, but we yet have the means of giving free expression to the view we hold. In the British Empire we share a common heritage with the Englishman and other Aryan peoples. We cannot give up our claim to that heritage, and we shall wage the fight until the full recognition of that claim is gained. Let us make it clear, beyond all possibility of misunderstanding, that we, who lay full claim to absolute equality in membership of an Empire with all others who have inherited it, are today ready to share with them full responsibility for its preservation."—"West Indian."

JAPAN'S SOVIET POLICY

As expected, in the United States there has grown a strong anti-Soviet atmosphere. Some in the United States vehemently call for America's severance of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. Even if there does not occur such a development as the severance of diplomatic relations, no one knows whether there may not take place some change in the economic relations between these two nations. At all events, further aggravation of American-Soviet diplomatic relations, which have grown worse since the time of Soviet Russia's aggression of Poland, will become inevitable.

Japan's Soviet policy, it need scarcely be pointed out, has nothing to do with her American policy, as a section of the American press thinks it otherwise. But since the United States and the Soviet Union are both powerful neighbours to us the Japanese nation, it is only natural that we should pay due attention to the movement of American-Soviet relations.—"Asahi Shimbun."

NEW AGE

No new age of world security can be expected to be realised unless there is established a new order on the basis of the three of individual life, nations, and relations among nations, from every one of which elements it is imperative that the ideas of self-centered interests be completely eliminated. Summarily speaking, no true world security can be hoped to be obtained unless capitalism and its philosophy are completely done away with and in their stead there is created a new guiding principle to be put operative. But by so saying we do not at all mean practice of Communism. Nothing could be farther from any such idea. The sensible world will never accept such an idea. Because Communism was born as the philosophy of the oppressed and, as such, as it has had its development stopped in its original state, it has not revised its fatal faults of continued narrow-mindedness, suspicion and ignoring of human nature.—"Kokumin Shimbun."

U.S. IN FAR EAST

The thunder of the State Department, echoed latterly in Acting Secretary Welles's pointed reminder that the United States insists on the rights of its citizens who are embarrassed by the Japanese blockade of British and French concessions, is an independent action. But the effect of it cannot be other than bolster the western position.

MORE COMPLICATIONS

"The establishment of the new central government in China is a pre-established fact, which accelerates many measures for settlement of the current hostilities. Although some people tend to believe that the inauguration of the new government would mean an end to the current China Affair, it is merely a starting point and measures for its disposal should long been continued in the future. In this connection it is generally held that relations with foreign Powers will in the future become more complicated than ever."—"General Abe, Japanese Prime Minister."

It is no accident that the strengthening tone of American diplomacy, beginning with the Tokyo speech of Ambassador Grew, comes at precisely this time. Nor need Japan prove too sanguine about its own highly critical position. The military campaign in China progresses only with exasperating difficulty. There is no assurance of real Russo-Japanese co-operation short of a decision of the Soviets to engage in the European war. The reviving of talk of a United States arms embargo against Japan may balance the reports of possible Soviet curtailment of munitions for China. And the rupture of Japan's commercial relations, threatened in the lapsing of the 1911 treaty with the United States, apparently is giving the Japanese diplomats "furiously to think." The pretenses do not work. The facts behind them may prove to Japan that the way of the peace is not necessarily any easy one.—"Christian Science Monitor."

Triangular Conference Rumours In Rome

ITALY, GERMANY AND HUNGARY

BALKAN ENTENTE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.
According to the Bucharest correspondent of the "Nazional Zeitung," the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafenou, has called a meeting of the Balkan Entente on February 8.

The same correspondent states that Rumanian-Bulgarian relations are improving, and adds that Italy is striving to improve relations between Rumania and Rumania's neighbours.—Havas.

PEACE DRIVE IN CHINA RUMOURS

London, To-day.

Hopes that serious efforts may shortly be made towards securing some settlement of the Sino-Japanese war were responsible for a sharp upward movement by Chinese Bonds on the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

It is realised that the potential recovery capacity of China in such an event must be large, especially as the latest returns of Customs revenues issued by the Chinese Embassy indicate a relatively small decline in China's receipts for 1939 compared with the previous year.

Many financial quarters who were prepared for a much greater decline are now wondering whether, if China can secure such a large Customs revenue with many of her legitimate trade outlets closed, she might not provide a spectacular commercial recovery were normal trading conditions restored.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BURN DOWN BRITISH HOSPITAL

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL AT TSINGTAO HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE JAPANESE FOLLOWING THE BURNING OF THE ENGLISH METHODIST MISSION HOSPITAL AT CHUCHIA, NEAR WUTINGFU, IN SHANTUNG, ON DECEMBER 25.

The burning was done by Japanese troops in retaliation for the alleged treatment by the missionaries of wounded Chinese guerrillas. Before leaving, the Japanese are reported to have threatened to burn the church and foreign houses in the mission compound at a later date.—Reuter.

Rome, To-day.
PERSISTENT RUMOURS are circulating in well-informed unofficial circles that a triangular conference may be held between Count Ciano (Italian Foreign Minister), Count Csaky (Hungarian Foreign Minister who is at present visiting Italy) and German statesmen.

Field-Marshal Goering (Nazi Air Minister), Joseph Goebbels (Propaganda Minister) and Joachim von Ribbentrop (Foreign Minister) are mentioned as the possible German representative.

NAZIS PLOTTING SURPRISE

Paris, To-day.

That the Allied cause will have a moral victory before a material one is the theme of French press reaction to President Roosevelt's address to Congress.

It is now felt here that the meaning of President Roosevelt's message to the Pope is better understood.

There had been some apprehension lest the President should be advocating peace on the basis of maintaining the status quo, but is regarded as clear from the speech that he contemplates a peace of democracy and liberty. It is felt he is not favourable to a peace offensive which will leave Germany in possession of her ill-gotten gains.

SOMETHING BREWING

It is reported in Paris that something is being plotted in Germany, but whether it is a new peace offensive, with a window-dressing change in the Government, as the "Petit Parisien" forecasts, or a military offensive against Holland and Belgium, is not yet clear.—Reuter.

HONG KONG FIRMS NOT "RESIDENT"

London, To-day.

On January 8 the Order in Council will come into force which prohibits the transfer of Sterling or of Sterling securities, whether by delivery or by registration, from a United Kingdom resident to a non-resident unless express permission has been given by the Treasury.

For the purpose of this Order, a non-resident is a person, company or firm residing or carrying on business outside the British Empire, Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Iraq, with the exception that residents in Canada, Newfoundland or Hong Kong are regarded as non-residents.—British Wireless.

GRAF SPEE CREW'S BID TO ESCAPE

Montevideo, To-day.

Five members of the Admiral Graf Spee crew yesterday made a daring attempt to escape from internment. The men, who were in a small boat, started for Buenos Aires. The launch was sighted by the British and the men were captured and brought back to the camp.—Reuter.

B.E.F. WILL GO TURKISH

Turkey, our latest ally, has made a goodwill gesture to Britain by sending two cases of cigarettes to the Tobacco Fund started by the Overseas League for British troops on active service.

Sir Evelyn Wrench, Director of the Fund, has gratefully accepted the consignment.

BRITISH REPLY TO AMERICA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The British Government has replied to the American Note on the operation of the two-way blockade of Germany.

Main point in the Note which is, naturally, conciliatory, is that Britain cannot exempt from seizure German exports consigned to the United States except under exceptional circumstances.

No indication is given of what circumstances would be considered exceptional enough to permit exemption.—Havas.

SERIOUS FLOODING IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, To-day.

The floods which have hit Portugal in the past two days are growing worse and large areas are now under water. Some 50 villages are submerged and hundreds of head of cattle have been lost.—Reuter.

TRAWLER OVERDUE

London, To-day.

The Aberdeen trawler Daneden is ten days overdue and is feared to have been lost.

The Daneden left Aberdeen on December 11 and was last seen in the fishing grounds in the same vicinity as the trawler Star of Scotland on the day when the latter was bombed by German aircraft.—Reuter.

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**SIR JOHN SIMON AND
INFLATION DANGER**

SALARIES AND COST OF LIVING

London, To-day.

The automatic raising of wages to meet the rise in the cost of living would involve great danger of inflation, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, yesterday told a deputation representing the Civil Service.

The deputation drew attention to a number of wage and salary increases by industrial concerns to meet the increased cost of living, and urged the establishment of a committee to elaborate a scheme of compensation for the Civil Service.

Sir John Simon reaffirmed the Government policy of reviewing Civil Service pay in the light of substantial changes in the level of remuneration elsewhere, but referred to the enormous financial strain in consequences of the war and to the grave danger of inflation if wages were automatically adjusted to prices.

While it is difficult to keep Civil Service wages at the present level if prices continue to rise, the Government is doing everything in its power to prevent unnecessary rises in the cost of living. — Reuter.

COTTON PRICE UNDER CONTROL

London, To-day.

A new Ministry of Supply Order has been issued, which while it does not control raw cotton prices, with certain exceptions regulates the prices of single cotton yarns of American and Egyptian type by prescribing specific "margins" for each type of quality.

The controlled price of any yarn sold will be ascertained by adding the appropriate margin to a sum representing the cost of the raw cotton used.

The system follows the general line of the existing voluntary yarn price agreement.

In general, the margins fixed are appreciably lower than those prevailing, and it is hoped one important result will be to assist export trade. — Reuter.

ENCOUNTERS IN NO MAN'S LAND

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated: There was no important incident during the day.

There were some encounters between patrols in the region west of the Sarre. — Reuter.

CLOTHING SHORTAGE IN GERMANY

Copenhagen, To-day.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS reaching here the Allied economic warfare is now being felt in Germany even among the troops in the Siegfried Line.

Reports assert that many men are in want of new uniforms and other clothing.

Even the richest Germans, it is reported, are finding it hard to obtain new clothes, which are particularly needed now because of the very cold winter.

Generally speaking, however, there is no serious food shortage provided one has the money to pay for it, but the fare obtainable is monotonous and to a certain extent lacking in nutriment.

The freezing of the German waterways is holding up coal deliveries.

This, combined with the shortage of clothing and the extreme cold, augurs ill for the comfort of Germans during the remainder of the winter. — Reuter.

JAPANESE DELEGATION IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

Five members of the Japanese trade delegation arrived here from Tokyo yesterday.

They were welcomed by a large number of Soviet officials, including the Deputy Commissar for Foreign Trade.

Talks are scheduled to start on Sunday.

The delegation will visit the Kremlin with the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow to-day for conversations with M. Molotov, the Foreign Commissar. — Reuter.

STUDENTS' IDEA WAS JUST RAND

When bubble dancer Sally Rand went bankrupt, with her only assets fans and bubbles (and Sally Rand), the students of Richmond, Virginia, University had a grand idea.

They offered to employ Sally as college housekeeper, which would have helped their education a lot.

But they are to be disappointed. Sally isn't having any. She softened her refusal by telegraphing it in verse. It concludes:—

"For nothing's changed, it's the old nude deal,

"I still got my fans and my sex appeal,

"And what I'm selling is tried and trusted,

"For the public knows best I'm not flat busted."

Sally's speciality is dancing, not poetry.

FRENCH SATISFIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

French political circles greeted favourably President Roosevelt's message to Congress, feeling especially grateful that the President's words were entirely consonant with the feeling of international justice.

It is stressed here that President Roosevelt's condemnation of autarchy and his refusal to recognise conditions brought about by force are dictated by the same spirit which pervaded Premier Daladier's speech in the Senate on December 30. — Havas.

AGED POOR ROBBED

A large quantity of blankets are reported to have been stolen from the Home for the Aged in Kowloon City yesterday morning.

A suit of clothing stolen from the residence of Mrs. Rose, of No. 148, Caine Road yesterday, was later recovered from a pawnshop in Wing Lok Street.



Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador in Moscow, who has left for England, on furlough.

AIR RAIDS ON THE YUNNAN RAILWAY

Chungking, To-day.

Severe raids were carried out by Japanese aircraft yesterday morning on the Yunnanfu-Hanoi Railway.

The damage caused is yet not ascertainable. — Our Own Correspondent.

ROOSEVELT SPEECH REGARDED AS ATTACK ON NAZIS

Amsterdam, To-day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S address to Congress is regarded from beginning to end as an attack on Germany, according to Nazi political circles quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Amsterdam "Telegraaf."

The Nazis, says the correspondent, consider that President Roosevelt has weakened the United States attitude of neutrality.

This opinion was further strengthened by the report that the Secretary of Navy, Mr. Charles Edison, proposes placing certain industries under the direct control of the State.

It is recalled in Berlin that the American authorities obtained the same powers in 1917, a month or two before the United States entered the war.

Although it is too much to claim that this step is an indication of American intention to participate in the war, there is less confidence among the Nazis in the continuance of United States neutrality in all circumstances. — Reuter.

LORD WILLINGDON TO FLY ALL THE WAY

London, To-day.

Lord Willingdon, who left England yesterday by air for Australia en route to represent the King at the New Zealand Centenary celebrations, will fly from Australia across the Tasman Sea in a flying boat which is one of those intended for the regular Tasman Sea service. — British Wireless.

LORD MAYOR'S RED CROSS FUND

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund, which was increased by £5,000 yesterday, now stands at £919,000.

The Nigeria war relief fund sent its fifth donation which brings the total Nigerian contribution to £210,000. — British Wireless.

CHINA'S NEW AIRCRAFT FACTORY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE "CHINA WEEKLY REVIEW", AN AMERICAN-OWNED AIRPLANE FACTORY, CALLED THE CENTRAL AIRCRAFT FACTORY, IS IN PRODUCTION IN THE MIDST OF THE YUNNAN JUNGLE, 1,200 MILES AWAY FROM THE NEAREST JAPANESE AIR BASE. IT PRODUCES ONE PLANE A DAY.

Originally established at Hangchow in 1934, the factory was removed to Wuchang but when it became evident that Hankow would fall, the factory was removed to its present location in the south-western tip of Yunnan, some 30 miles off the new Yunnan-Burma highway.

This is the third attempt to manufacture modern military and civil planes in China largely from native materials.

The greatest difficulty facing the factory workers is malaria, which infests the Yunnan jungles, against which American missionary doctors are fighting day and night. — Havas.

News Snack Bar

A DONKEY DIED— CRACK SOLDIERS LIVED

A dying donkey saved the lives of a company belonging to one of France's crack regiments.

The French infantrymen were advancing across a field towards a river. Beyond the river there was a steep slope. Halfway up it a railway and a narrow road ran parallel.

As the men were coming across the field an old grey donkey was drawing a cart containing two men along the road. Suddenly there was a tremendous explosion. The cart sailed into the air and over a house.



"Pals."—"Boston Evening Transcript."

Two men were blown to pieces. The donkey was injured. Freed from the cart, he ran towards the river to ease his wounds.

Before he reached the water he rolled over exhausted. As he tried to get up there was another terrific explosion. He had exploded a second land mine.

Warned by these two explosions, the French company spread out across the field and tested every inch of the way carefully. There were no more mines.

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1939 Soldier

Is "Gangster"

"Cross between a gangster, a poacher and a policeman"—that is the type for Britain's modern infantryman. At least, this definition of the characteristics required won full marks for a cadet in a recent O.T.C. examination.

Trained N.C.O. instructors for the infantry will be doubled soon after Christmas.

And, because the infantryman's profession to-day is so much more scientific than it was even in the last war, a high standard of quality is being aimed at among these instructors.

Old-time N.C.O.s of the last war, who have rejoined, find they have a lot to learn before they are qualified to teach modern recruits.

The problem of the Army instructor is to make alert backwoodsmen out of townsmen.

Nazis Need Trucks

Shortage of trucks has upset Nazi plans to get supplies from Russia, according to the commercial correspondent of the Swiss newspaper "Neue Zeitung."

Delivery of 1,000,000 tons of fodder required 100,000 trucks, he says.

Russia and Germany have informed each other that they are short of the necessary rolling stock and each asks the other to provide the trucks.

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Winston May

Take 10,000 Fish

First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill, has offered to billet 10,000 fish at his country home, Chartwell, Westerham, Kent, for the duration. He has about 40,000 of his own. Fish breeding is his hobby.

In the grounds of his home he has seven huge lakes and ponds full of all kinds of fish. He spends much of his spare time with them—calls some of them by name, feeds and tends them himself.

When war broke out he offered to billet the pets of fish-expert Stanley Plater, adviser to Harrods' livestock department, who owns more than 10,000 valuable specimens.

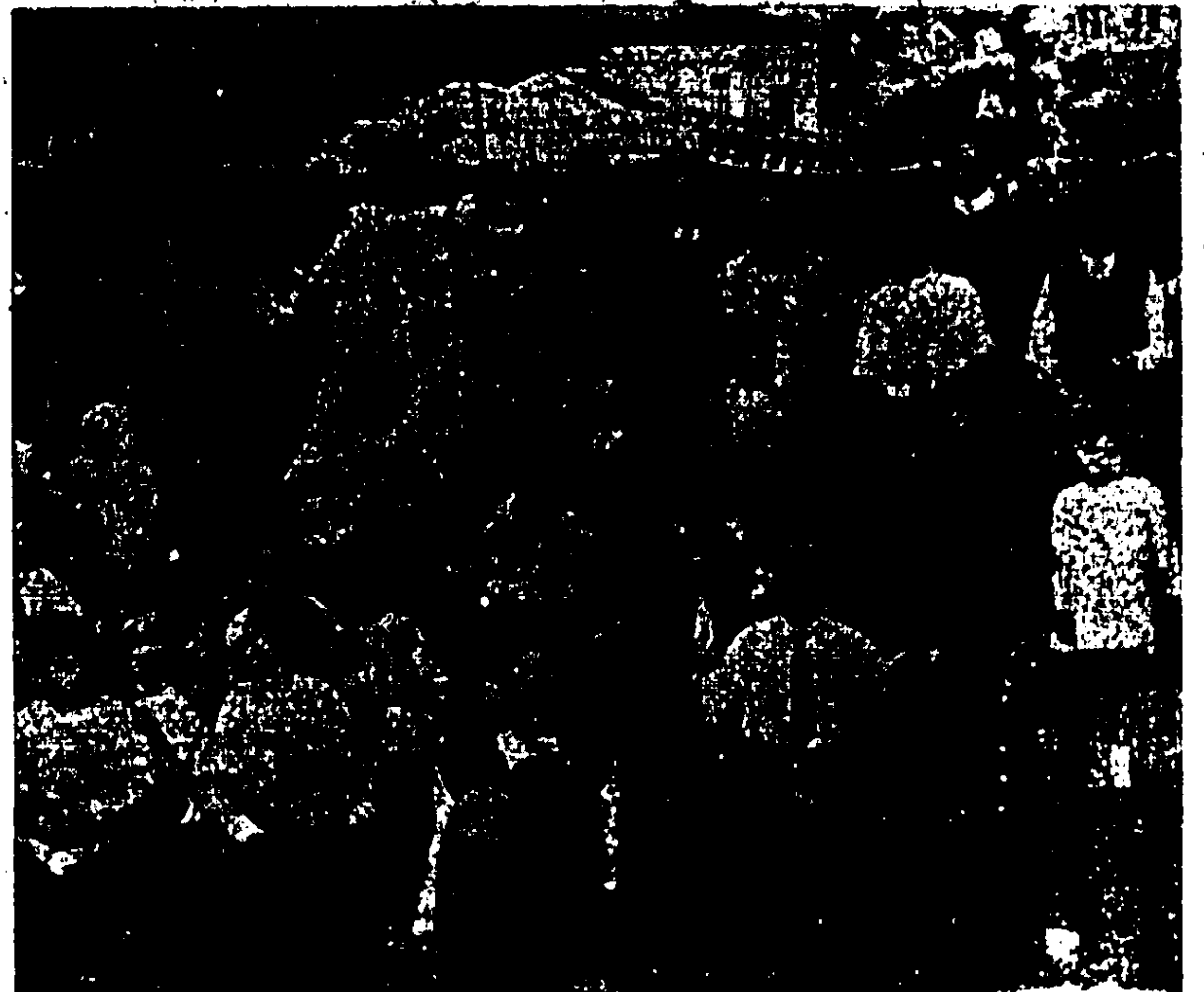
Mr. Plater told the press:—

"If things get bad at home I'm going to have all of them transported to Mr. Churchill's country place in special travelling tanks. The tropical fish will probably be put up in the green-houses. There is plenty of room for the others in the lakes.

"Mr. Churchill takes a great interest in his fish, and sometimes wades about his lakes for hours on end.

"But he never catches his pets.

If he sees a fish out of water he will go to no end of trouble to put it back. With submarines—well, you know how he is with them."



Happy kiddies at the Police Children's Sports pose for our photographer.

British Press

"Strict orders prohibiting the English public from criticising the British Government and their policy have been issued in London," according to Goring's "National Zeitung."

The Press, says the paper are not allowed to comment on the Government's actions or to answer questions continually asked "by the bewildered Englishmen who do not understand the meaning of this strange war."

A despatch in an adjoining column gives British Press criticism of a number of new Government measures.

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Petrol Soaked

Woman Ablaze

Scotland Yard is investigating the death of a woman who was found "blazing like a bonfire" on some waste ground only a few yards from a tram terminus at Knee Hill, Abbey Wood (Kent).

Her clothes had been saturated with petrol or paraffin and set alight.

She died in hospital from burns. Her features were unrecognisable.

Scotland Yard issued this description yesterday:—Aged forty to forty-five, height 5ft. 8in., blue eyes, dark hair, wearing navy blue skirt, maroon cardigan, fawn stockings and black shoes. The woman had a long mauve heather-mixture coat, and there was a black shopping bag nearby.

Jack Payne Divorced

Mrs. Doris Aileen Payne, wife of Jack Payne, dance band leader, was granted a decree nisi, with costs, in the Divorce Court, London.

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No Red Indians

Left In 5 Years

"Within five years there will not be a full-blooded Red Indian left." That is the opinion of Flying Cloud (F. B. Zahn), a Redskin interpreter.

The Red Men of North America, he says, are intermarrying with the pale-faces so fast that soon they will all be just plain Americans.

The idea of the Red Man as a blood-thirsty savage could not be further from the truth, says Flying Cloud.

"The Indian was a pagan and not a savage," he says. "The Indian was a piker in war when compared with the white man, the cruellest of all peoples. We did a lot of scalping. But what was that compared with the way the white men skinned us?"



"The first time he tried to cash it."—New York "World Telegram."

Red Tape Is Holding

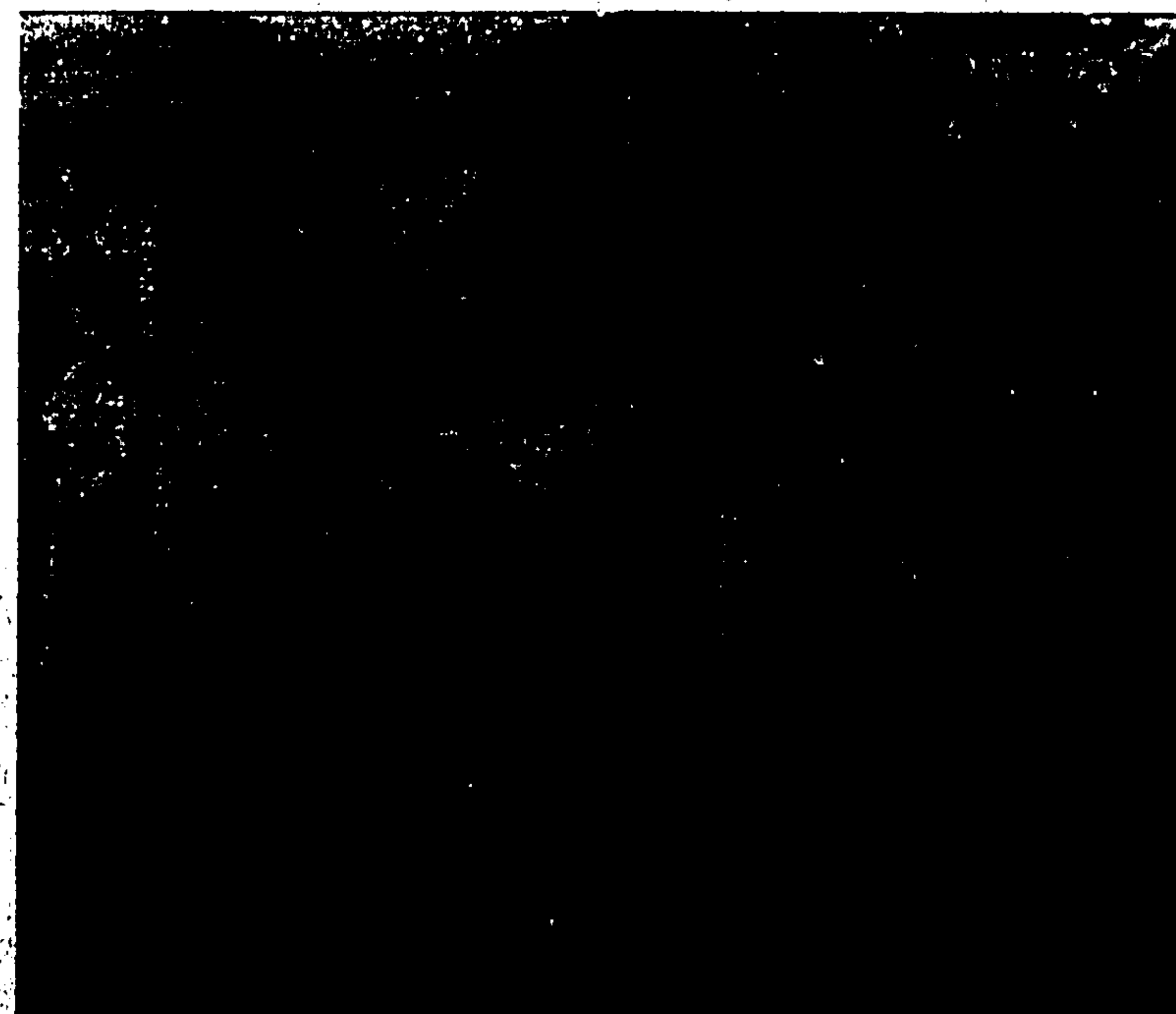
Up The Underwear

Red tape is holding up a £3,000 export order for underwear—because it won't release £25 worth of shoulder straps to hold up the underwear, according to the "Drapers' Record."

British ribbon makers, fully booked with orders, cannot accept contracts for delivery under several weeks.

"To permit £25 of imports (incidentally yielding a duty) for the purpose of doing £3,000 of export trade seems a highly sound proposition," says the "Drapers' Record."

"There are, of course, millions of yards of unrequired red tape which could, as a last resort, be used to hold up the underwear. Indeed, they are already doing so."



Looks a bit complicated. One of the snags in the obstacle race at the K.C.C. Children's Sports.



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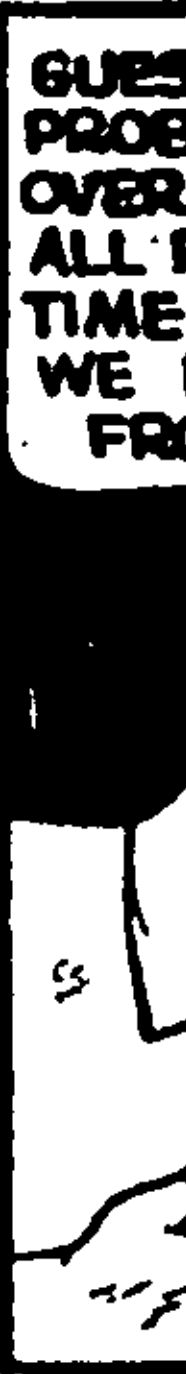
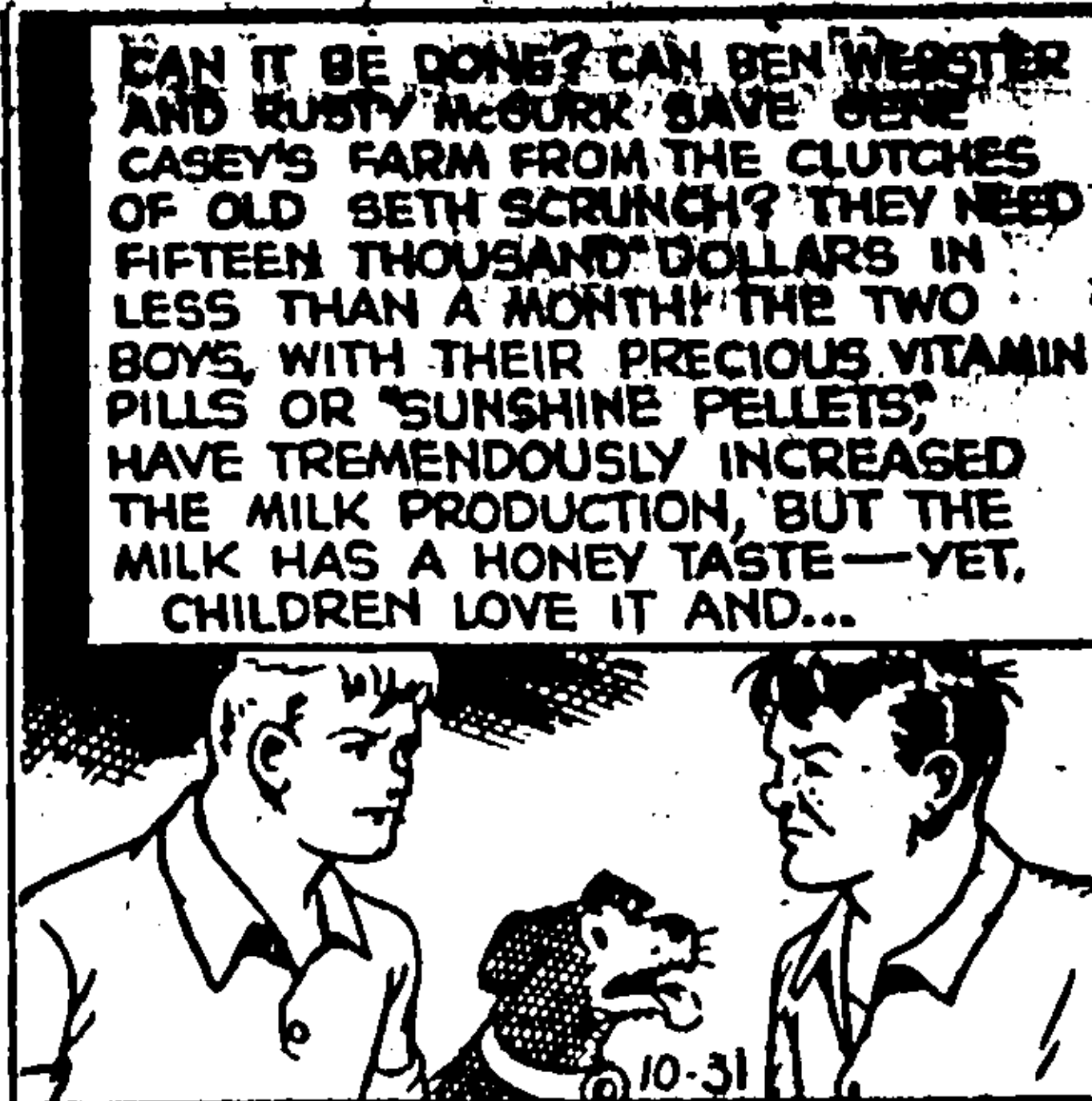
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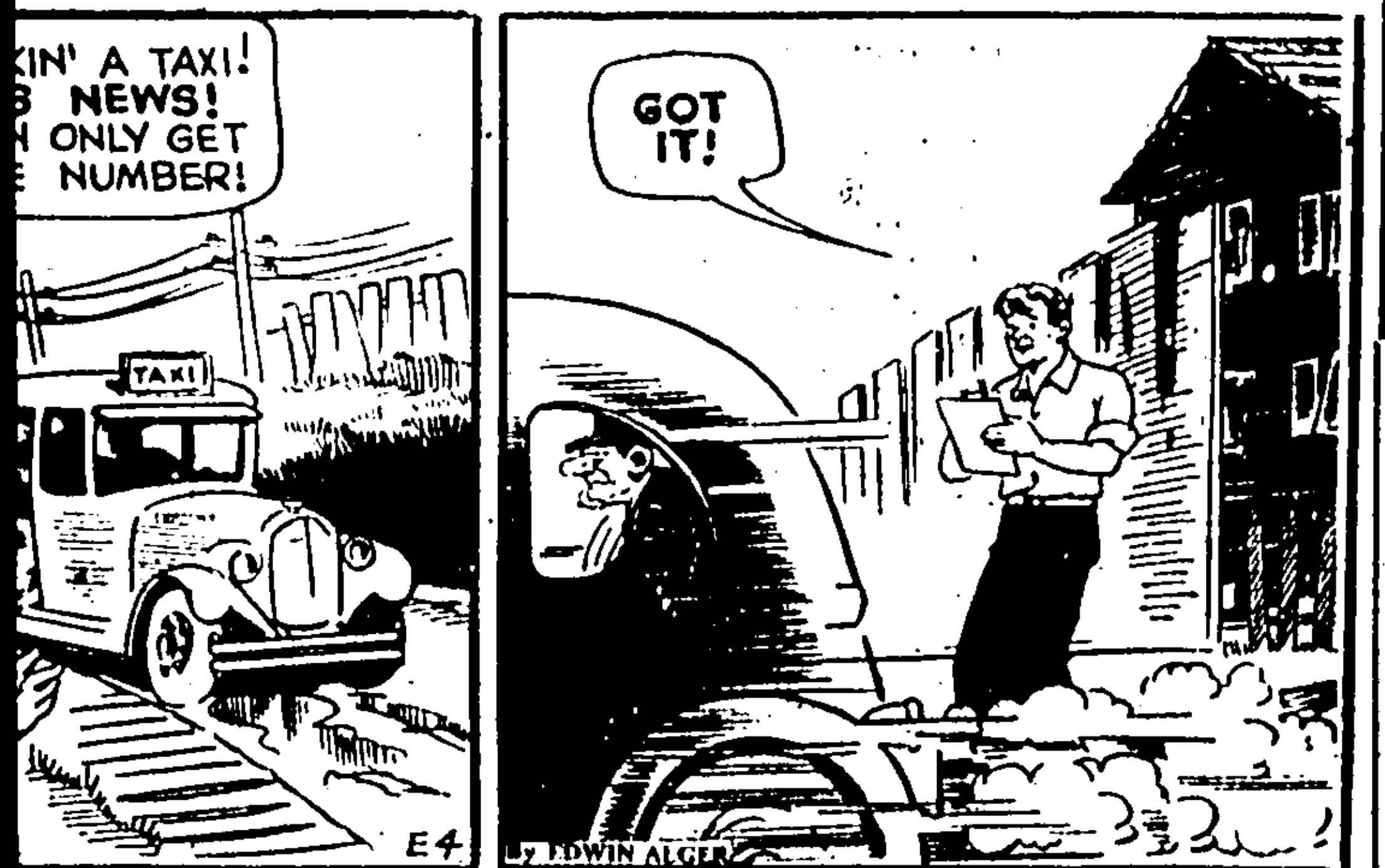
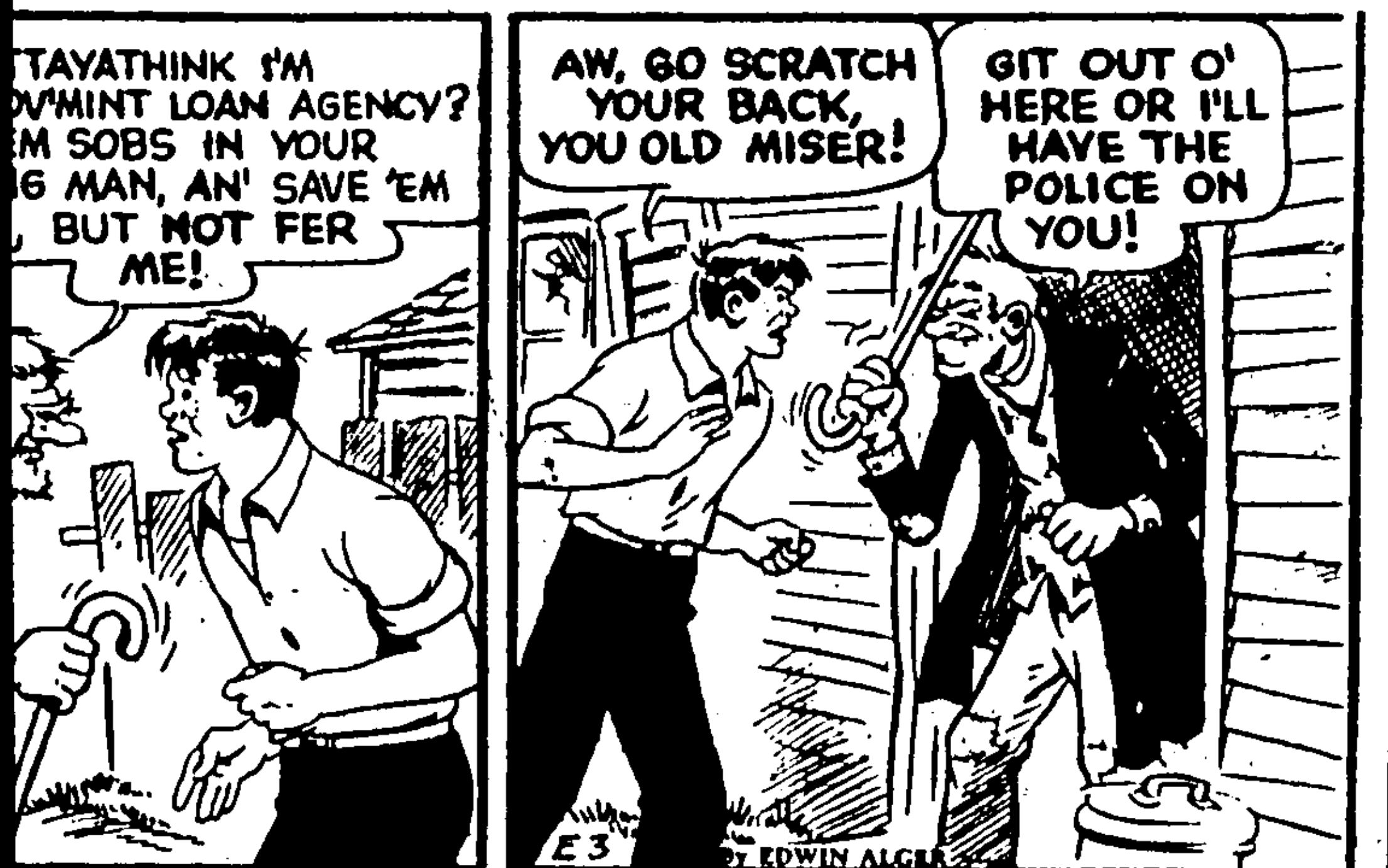
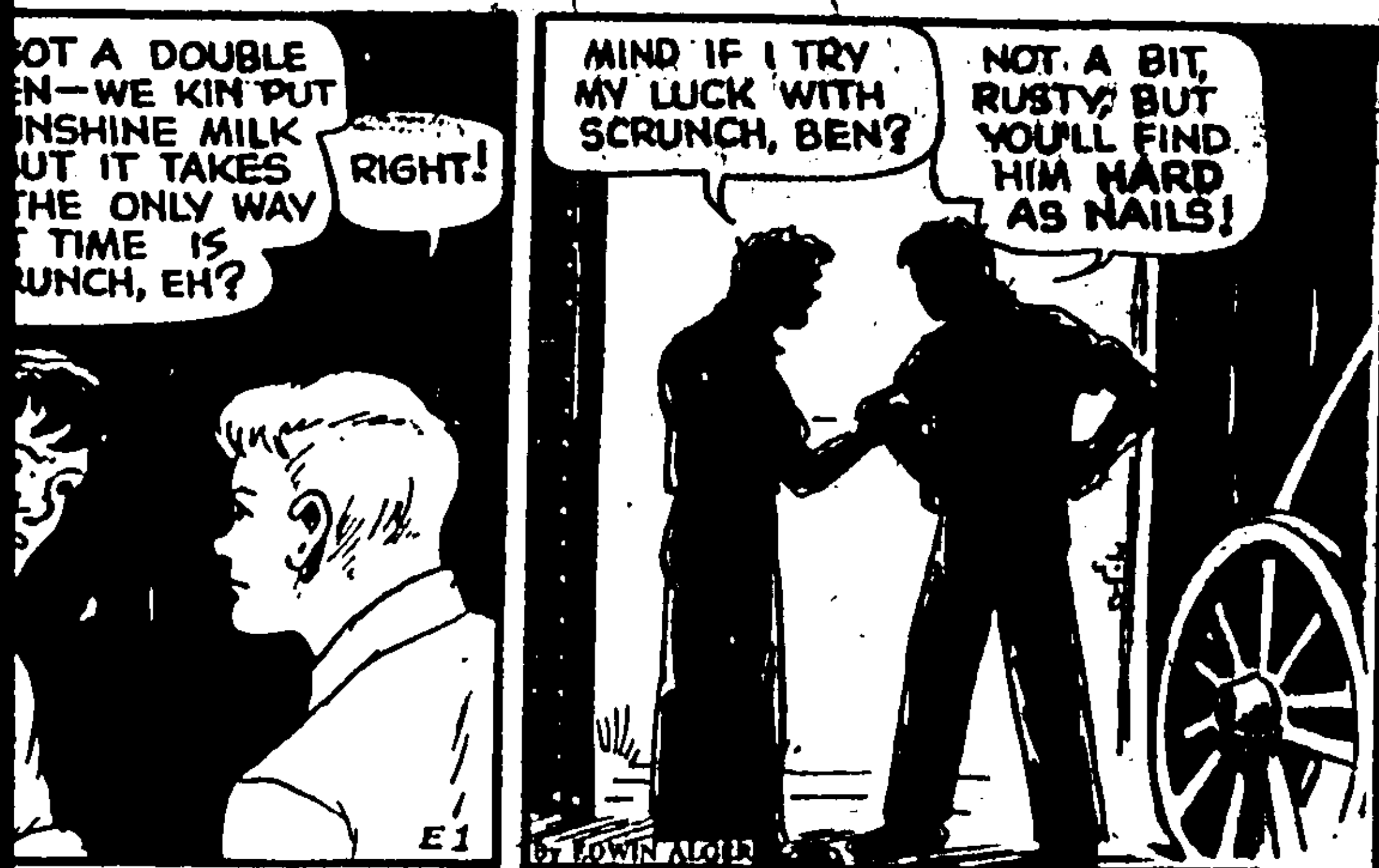
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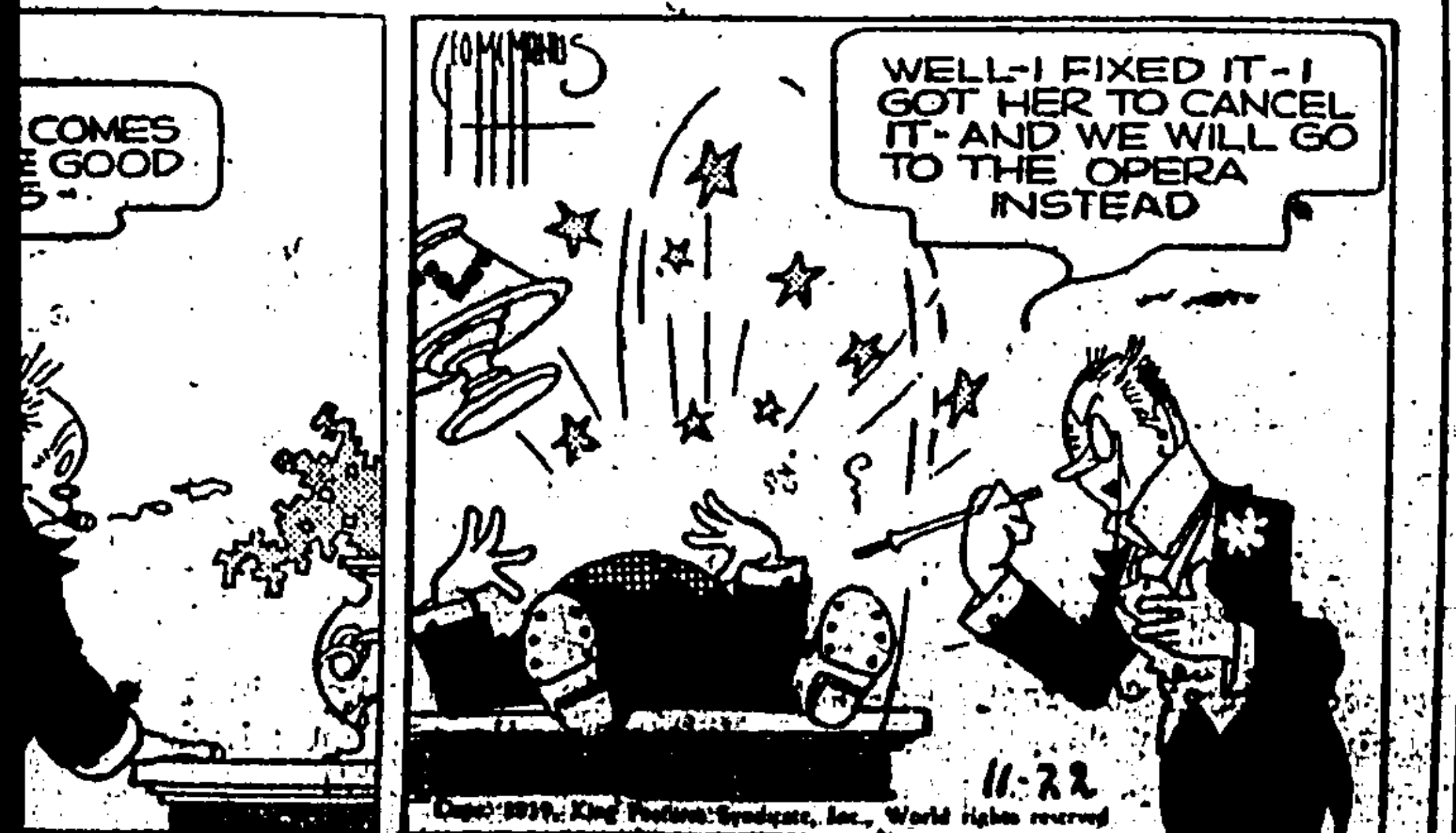
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THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

By R. C. SHERRIFF

Who Wrote "Journey's End"

Edgar Hopkins found only two others alive on the morning after the moon fell. The great dug-out was flooded—the door open.

"PERHAPS they opened the door before the flood had gone," I said; "the water inside suggests that. But where have they all gone?"

"Nobody could open the door against the weight of a flood," said Robin.

That was true. I could think of nothing else.

"There's nothing we can do," I said at last. "It's useless to stay here."

Before we took our departure we hammered against both of the closed doors and called out "Hullo!" I knew that it was a fruitless effort, but somehow it seemed part of a ceremony that we must perform before we could go.

"I suppose we shall know what happened to them all one day," whispered Pat as we went together down the barren slopes where bluebells should now have thrown a haze around us.

Pat was right. In due time we were to learn what had happened to the whole population of the village who had gone for safety into those grim tunnels—but it must come in the proper sequence of my story.

Robin had borne up wonderfully throughout our long and tiring expedition, but on entering my house—the only habitable building we had seen in the whole district—he almost fainted. I took him to one of the spare rooms. I made him lie down and pulled the blankets around him, for he was shivering.

"Your job," I said, in reply to his protests, "is to get strong again, and to get strong you must rest."

I went downstairs and found Pat in the kitchen. She had built up the fire: she had put the kettle upon it and spread the cloth upon the table. She was standing by the window, her eyes upon the gaunt crest of the downs that were dark and pitiless against the setting sun—and she was crying.

I felt such a hopeless, clumsy fool. I just stood there patting her shoulder like a foolish old man.

But almost in a minute she was herself again, smiling bravely and turning to the stove.

If fate had given to me, as my companions, a couple of quarrelsome old ladies or even the vicar and Mr. Murgatroyd the publican, the situation would have been completely different and I have no idea how I should have faced it. But Pat and Robin were of a quality beyond the infection of danger and solitude: courage and gaiety were bred in their bones; Robin had a constitution that rebounded from exhaustion like a rubber ball. First thing next morning he was in my bedroom persuading me to get up and go across to the Manor House with him to fetch his portable gramophone and a pile of records. I heard Pat's laugh from her room next to his own.

We had only just left the wreck of the Manor House with our trophy and were returning across the valley when an infinitely dramatic event occurred.

Slowly, from the stillness, came a sound; the first man-made sound since the cataclysm to disturb the silence of the valley. At first I took it to be the purr of a motor-cycle, a long way off upon the Mulcaster road, but gradually it gathered power and fullness: the purr rose to a roar, and over the hillcrest came an airplane!

We behaved like maniacs: we ran up the slope, waved hats and handkerchiefs, and yelled our heads off!

The pilot of the airplane did not appear to share our frantic excite-

ment; we saw his goggled face peer down at us in complete unconcern; he gave no response to our waving hats, and it seemed at first as if he would leave us to our solitude. Then he changed his mind, circled round in search of a landing place, and dropped gently to the downs.

The pilot was out of his machine and pulling off his goggles and helmet when we reached him.

"What's this place?" asked the pilot. "Beadle!" we chimed in chorus.

He pored over the map. I saw how desperately tired his eyes looked, with deep grey pits beneath them.

"Beadle . . ." he muttered. "I see. How many of you are there?"

"Three!" I said.

The young man produced a greasy little notebook and a stub of pencil.

"Beadle . . . three," he muttered as

he wrote it down.

Somehow for the life of me I could hardly speak. There were a thousand things that I wanted to know—a thousand questions tumbling over one another to be asked—but all I could say was:—

"Where's the moon?"

"The moon's in the Atlantic," said the pilot. "I'm not an airman by profession. I was one of the scientists selected by the Government for their big dug-out at Beaconsfield, which is on high ground. It missed the flood and we came through safely. By eight o'clock this morning we were at breakfast as if nothing had happened."

"Then we picked up a radio call from one of the few American stations that still work. They told us—" he paused wearily.

"Told you—about the moon?" asked Pat.

"That's it," said the airman. "The scientists reckoned that if the moon struck the earth at the time expected—at 8.23 last night—it would land with a bang in the centre of Europe, and goodbye to the lot of us. Fortunately they were wrong; wrong to the tune of nine minutes, and those nine minutes saved us. The moon came over Europe like a huge meteor, falling in a slanting direction from the north-east; it was less than five hundred miles above you when it passed over this valley. . . ."

"We never saw it!" said Robin.

"Of course you didn't see it. It was too close to the earth to take the reflection of the sun, and in any case it was dragging that colossal dust cloud along with it. It landed at two minutes past eight-thirty, upon the western edge of Europe, just grazing our own island at Cornwall, the west coast of Ireland, and France and Spain."

He shrugged his shoulders.

"No scientist expected the world to survive, you know . . . that stuff about a 'graze' was just bunkum . . . just a sop to keep you quiet."

"We realised that perfectly well," I replied stiffly. "I happen to be a member of the British Lunar Society and knew a good deal about all this—probably before you did!"

"Fancy that!" said the young man, and smiled at me queerly.

"Go on," said Pat.

"Possibly the air-pressure had something to do with it—possibly the resistance of the Atlantic—anyway, the shock was not fatal to the earth," he continued. "The moon rolled into the ocean like an enormous bagatelle ball into its pocket—and collapsed."



"The moon landed on the Western edge of Europe," said the pilot. "It fell into the Atlantic—you can walk from Penzance to New York."

"Collapsed?" I exclaimed.

"Of course it collapsed," replied the airman. "The moon is a dead world, and the cooling of its inside had naturally caused great caverns. Practically speaking, it was a hollow body with a thick crust, and the force of its landing made it collapse like a fat pancake."

He produced a stub of pencil and a notebook and began to trace a rough map of the North Atlantic, Ireland and Spain, Canada and the United States of America. He filled this with a circle covering the Atlantic.

"There's your new map of the world," he said, handing the book to me. "The diameter of the moon was 2,000 miles—the width of the Atlantic is 3,000. The moon's collapse has made it fill the whole ocean from one side to the other."

Pat was staring at the map over my shoulder. "Then America is joined to Europe!" she exclaimed.

The young man nodded. "You can now walk from Penzance to New York . . . if you want to."

The news was bewildering, for I had thoroughly decided, in my own mind, that the moon had "grazed" us and disappeared into space.

"Perhaps," I said, "you will favour us with some news of how the world survived the shock?"

"There were three separate, independent forces of destruction," announced the young man, as if he were lecturing to children, "the tornado, the earthquake, and the flood. The tornado was world wide, and we can only judge its havoc by our own experience. A lot of fools in this country refused to go to the dug-outs"—(I exchanged a wink with Pat)—"and most of these were killed, buried under buildings or swept away. The flood was caused by the masses of water displaced by the moon when it fell into the Atlantic. Scientists calculate that most of the water must have been forced north and south, over Greenland and towards the South Pole, but anyway a huge wall of ocean was forced up the valleys of England and over the Continent. We know that for a certainty. Within a few feet of this house,"

"It would have been about 800 feet high, receding gradually as it flowed inland. There was a reaction—a back

suction—that drew most of it away, but it hasn't settled down yet."

"How did London fare?"

"London," said the airman, "is still under water, covered by fathoms of mud. A good many people escaped, mainly those who were in the Underground Railways. They were led along the tunnels and brought out at Hampstead, which stood above the flood; as for the rest. . . ." The young man blew a kiss in an offensive indication that they were dead.

"And what happens now?" asked Robin. The boy had scarcely spoken. His eyes had been fixed upon the airman in fascinated silence.

"The Government's been set up at Oxford," said the young man. "As soon as possible labour will be mobilised to clear the roads, and engineers will get the main services at work again. And now I must be off. What have you got down there?"

He pointed to the stranded liner King Lear in my meadow.

I explained to him, but he was not particularly interested. "There's a couple of battleships and a submarine on Salisbury Plain," he said; "you were in luck to get a luxury liner!"

He climbed into his monoplane and pulled the goggles over his eyes.

"Scattered people are being told to make their way to the nearest towns," he said, and pointed vaguely to the north. "You three had better pack up and trot along to Mulcaster—there's about a hundred people in the town. You'll be all right there. It's about six miles across the downs."

We watched the battered little monoplane drone away into the evening sky, and as we turned towards the house Pat glanced at me.

"Strange to think we aren't the only people in the world, after all," she said.

I didn't feel I could answer.

Pat and Robin were very silent as we returned to the house. Pat went to the kitchen to prepare a meal; Robin sat down in the library and pored over my atlas of the world, drawing upon it the moon-circle covering the Atlantic which the airman had drawn, with all its incredible meaning.

For the first time since the cataclysm I felt at a loose end. I called out to Pat that I was going for a stroll. I took my hat and walking-stick and went out to encounter the third and to me the most delightful and miraculous surprise of that eventful day.

About half a mile beyond the ruined village an immense pile of debris had

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ATHENIA INCIDENT CANARDS

London, To-day.

Vigorous attempts are being made by the German propaganda machine to confuse opinion by anticipating the finding of the Commission now sitting in Washington enquiring into the Athenia incident.

Misleading excerpts from United States press statements, which purport to represent intelligent forecasts of the Commission's report, and which are made to appear favourable to the well-known German thesis, are given publicity in the obvious hope that they will be taken as the actual and final conclusions of the Commission.

The implications of much of the German propaganda on this question is that the Commission's verdict has already been published.

AN EXAMPLE

An example of this propaganda is a passage in the Berlin Boerzenzeitung, cited in the Trans-Ocean wireless news yesterday: "Nothing throws more light on England's position in the Athenia case than the fact that faced with the results of the American investigation it is unable to find the smallest argument in its own favour."

In similar vein is a clumsy endeavour to throw doubt on the integrity of the Reuter agency, "Significant is the attempt of Reuters to weaken the Washington verdict," a sentence which again implies that the report has been issued.

Official quarters in London content themselves with observing that impartiality in the investigation in Washington will remain unaffected by German misrepresentation, adding that the public elsewhere than in Germany, where truth is subject to import restrictions, will be wise to await the actual and official conclusions of the Commission.—British Wireless.

PROOF OF THE PUDDING

Mrs. C. I. Shand, of No. 7, York Road, was this morning cautioned by Mr. E. Himsforth for allowing her dog in the street without a muzzle.

Inspector Rogers said the summons was issued after a Chinese girl had been bitten by the dog.

Mrs. Shand stated that the dog was muzzled but agreed that it bit the girl.

Mr. Himsforth: "According to the law, if a dog is able to bite it is not considered to be muzzled."



Shand Dot says as far as her dog, she's always tripping on it.

THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

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collected as a result of the storm and flood. I was poking about in this depressing rubbish when I was startled by a faint rustling sound.

Then something white upon the ground attracted me; a snow-white feather—fresh, unreddened—and dry! In a flash I was beside the tangled branches, frantically pulling them apart; there was an alarmed flutter, a cackle of fear, and there was Broodie!—my beloved prize-winning Broodie!—the finest hen that ever stepped in Hampshire!

Never shall I know the epic story of Broodie's survival. I can only assume that when my chicken nouses had blown away Broodie was caught in this barrier of branches and saved from destruction.

I carried her in triumph to the nouse and held her up to the astonished eyes of Pat and Robin.

"Look!" I exclaimed.

"A chicken!" cried Robin. "Chicken for dinner to-morrow! Good for you, uncle!"

For answer I walked to the cupboard of my library, threw open the door, and pointed to the unique collection within—to Broodie's fifty first prizes—to her ribbons, medals, and challenge cups.

"Those," I said, "are Broodie's prizes."

"Oh!—she's yours! D'you mean she won all those prizes!—she must be a wonderful hen! she is a wonderful hen!"—and Pat was stroking Broodie's head.

It was growing dark and Broodie was very tired. She pecked listlessly at a few crumbs of biscuit and yawned. I fixed her up for the night in the toolshed; I laid a broomstick across the shelves as a temporary perch and decided to make a run for her next day.

In the new world that had dawned that sterling hen was to prove the basis of our trade and living, had we only known it.

As the spring days passed into full summer came the "Epoch of Recovery," a wonderful period which lasted for well-nigh two years, until the autumn of 1948.

For two months the world had lain stunned, but then people began groping back towards life in small communities—even in twos and threes, like Pat and Robin and me. Tiny sparks of life, determined, if need be, to rebuild the world with our own unaided hands.

Men in other places were gathering the threads of government. Roads were cleared of wreckage, machinery repaired, communications re-established between town and town, and, when radio sprang fully to life, between nation and nation.

It would need volumes to describe in detail that "Epoch of Recovery." I can only reveal its progress as it came to Beadle in sudden, surprising ways.

One day a motor-cyclist came bumping down the village street.

"Beadle, isn't it?" he said—and then consulting a small typewritten paper: "Three of you, is that right?"

"Quite right," I said, with a sudden respect for the organisation. "Three of us and an excellent fowl named Broodie."

"Then one of these will be enough," he replied, drawing a folded paper from a haversack.

It was like a very roughly printed newspaper, headed: "Government Bulletin No. 1."

We read that priceless little document from beginning to end a dozen times.

It dwelt very little upon the dreadful destruction and toll of life, for that was over and beyond all remedy. It concentrated entirely upon an inspiring call for reconstruction.

The British Government we knew had established itself in Oxford.

Money existing at the time of the cataclysm was no longer legal currency, because this would have led to the whole population wasting valuable time in a feverish hunt for cash amid the ruins. A primitive system of bar-

ter and exchange of goods was organised pending the issue of a new currency by the Government—and examples were given for the guidance of organised communities:—

4 potatoes = 1 egg

4 eggs = 1 rabbit

4 rabbits = 1 chicken, etc.

It was announced that radio programmes would begin once more upon September 1, and the keynote of the bulletin was "Work!—work!—work!"

TO-MORROW:

"A Trip To The Moon"

CHINESE ART EXHIBITION

On January 10th from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be an exhibition of Ancient Chinese paintings at the Tung Ping Shan Library of the University of Hong Kong, under the joint auspices of the Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture, the Chinese American Institute of Cultural Relations and the Sino-British Cultural Association. There will be some 25 carefully chosen pictures, all masterpieces of the Ming and the Early Tsing Dynasty, and they form part of the valuable collection of Mr. Wong Tze-ching, a well-known Cantonese art collector and connoisseur.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



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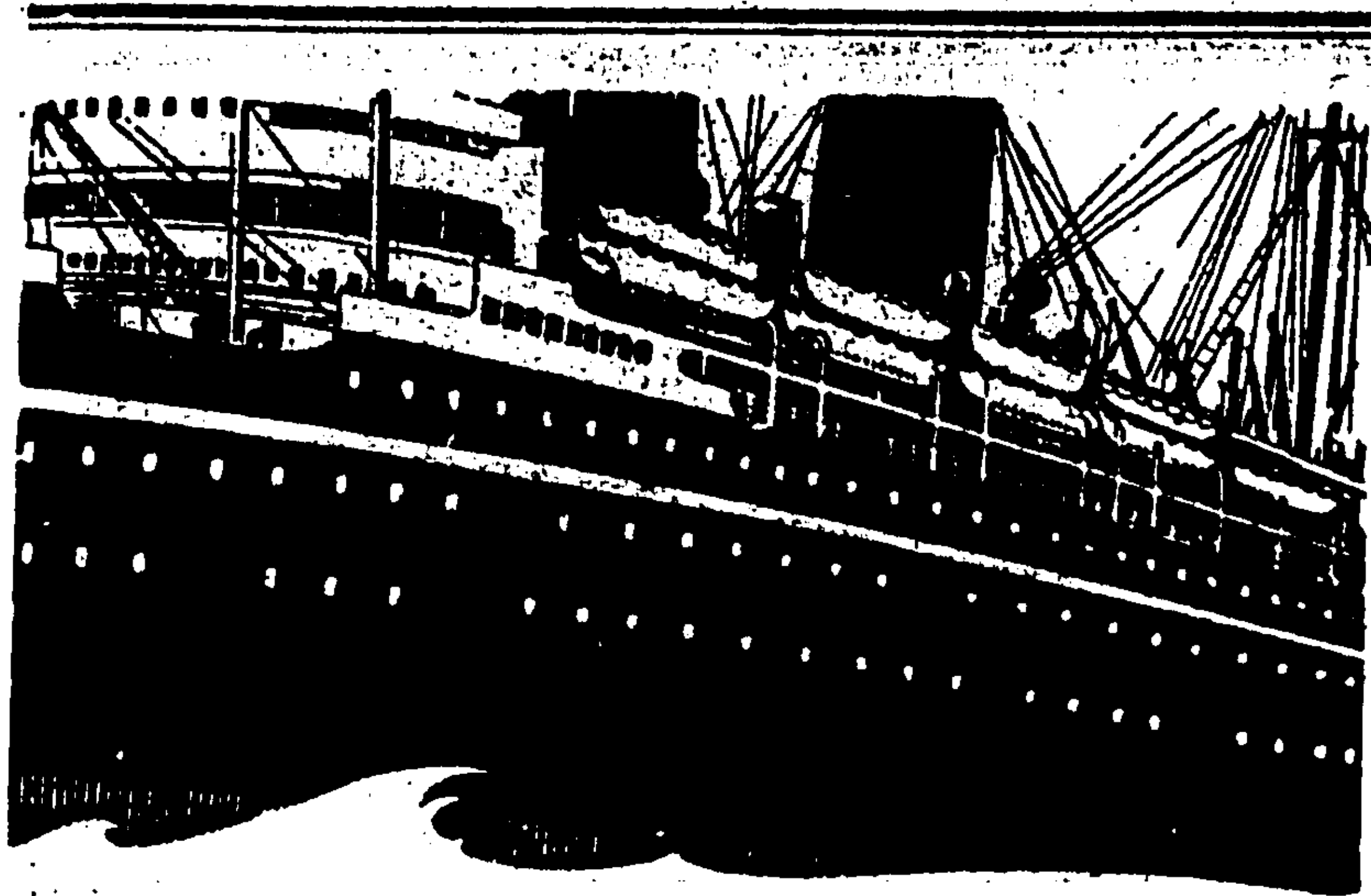
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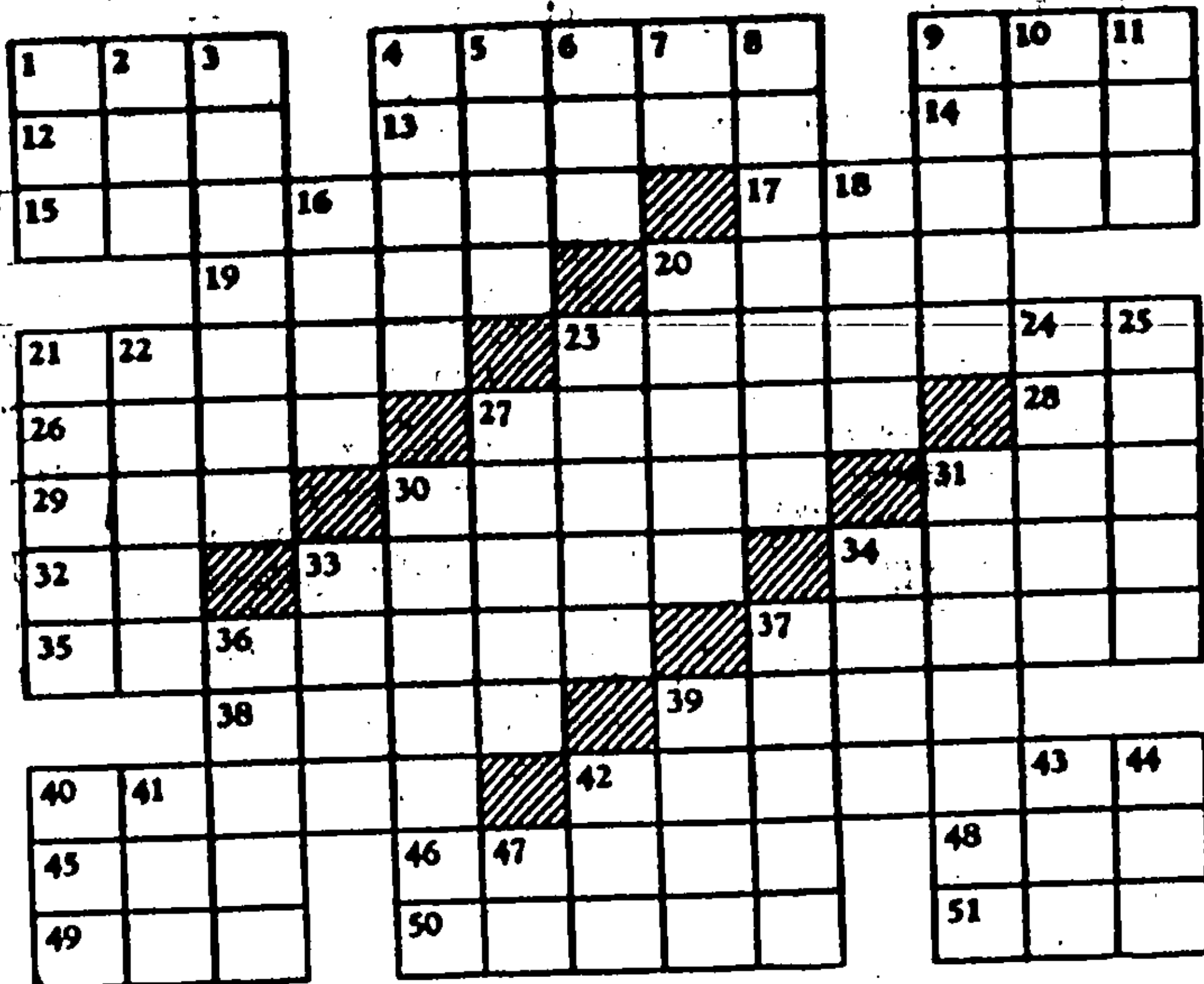
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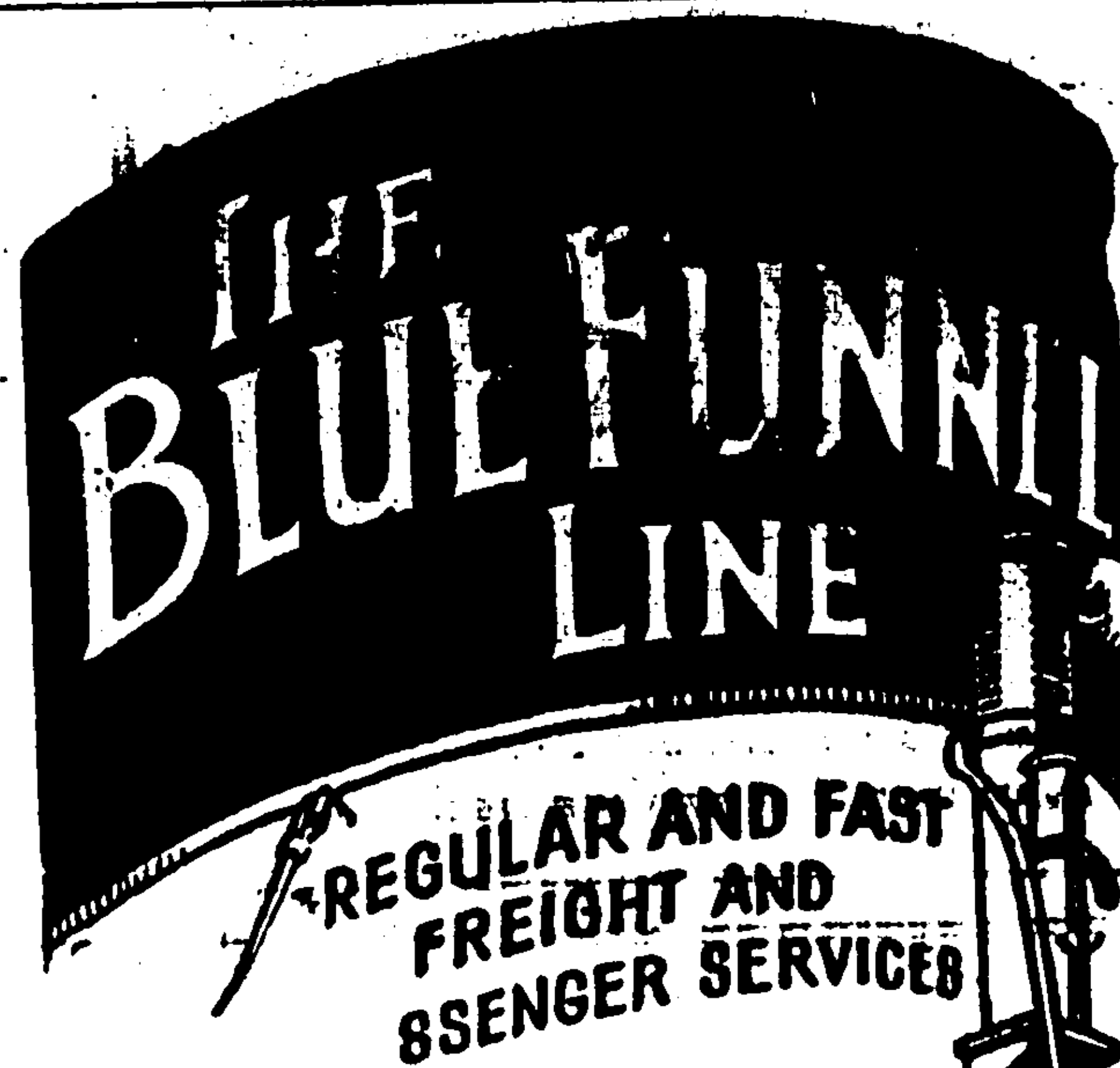
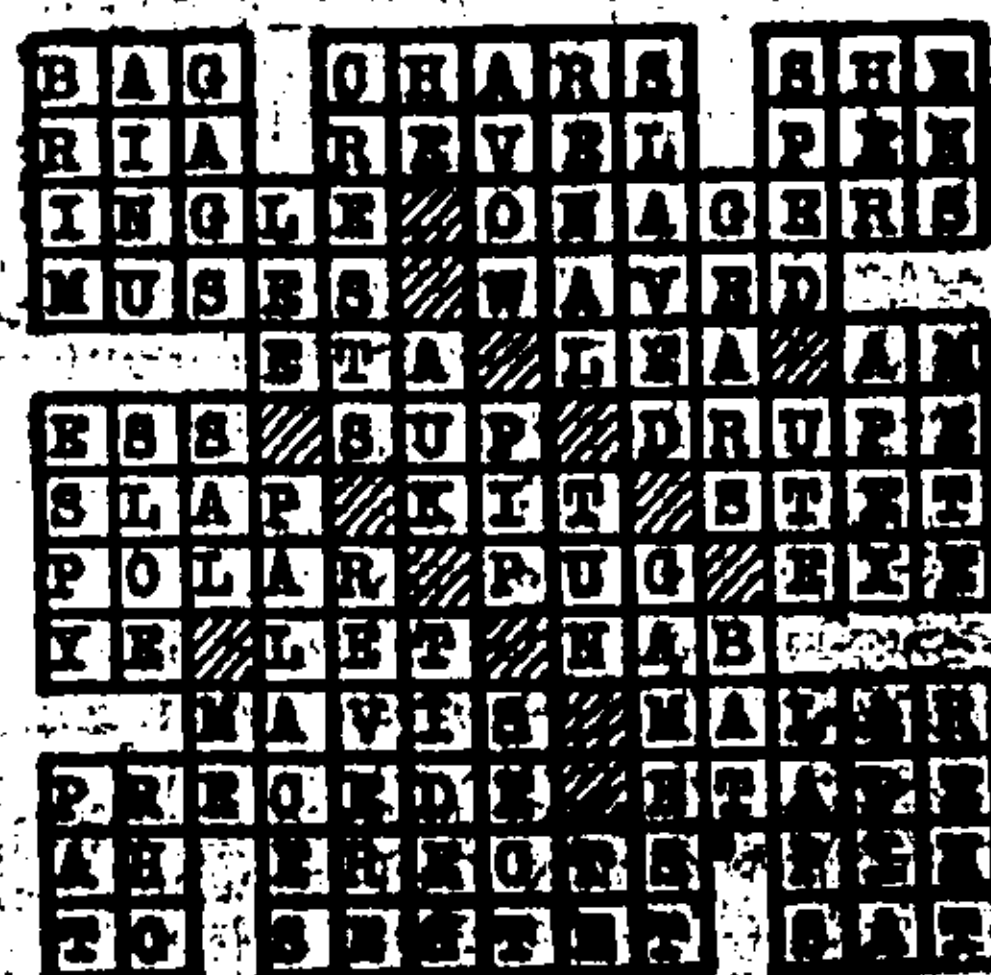
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To nudge
- 4 Incentive
- 9 Saint (Sp.)
- 12 Mountain in Asia Minor
- 13 Textile
- 14 Pastry
- 15 Wreath
- 17 Rounded, convex molding
- 19 City in Alaska
- 20 Asterisk
- 21 Loam deposit
- 23 Dawdles
- 26 Heraldic device
- 27 Entices
- 28 Intersection
- 29 Sloths
- 30 Centered
- 31 Gaming cube
- 32 Actual
- 33 Wearies
- 34 Increase
- 35 Covetous
- 37 Sweetheart
- 38 European mountain system
- 39 Moslem judge

VERTICAL

- 1 Lively dance
- 2 Room in a harem
- 3 Jewels
- 4 Bridge terms
- 5 To languish
- 6 Also
- 7 Note of scale
- 8 Gnarled
- 9 Seedlet
- 10 Suffer
- 11 Prefix: new
- 16 To be defeated
- 18 Large tubs
- 20 Parts of shoes
- 21 Contract
- 22 Garden vegetable
- 23 Orifices
- 24 To exhalt
- 25 Very thin
- 27 Part of flower
- 30 Barrel makers
- 31 Presages
- 33 Reckoning
- 34 Domineered
- 36 Insipid
- 37 Dips
- 39 Spanish house
- 40 Branch
- 41 Edible seed
- 42 Rutton
- 43 Biological collection
- 44 Same
- 47 Hawaiian bird

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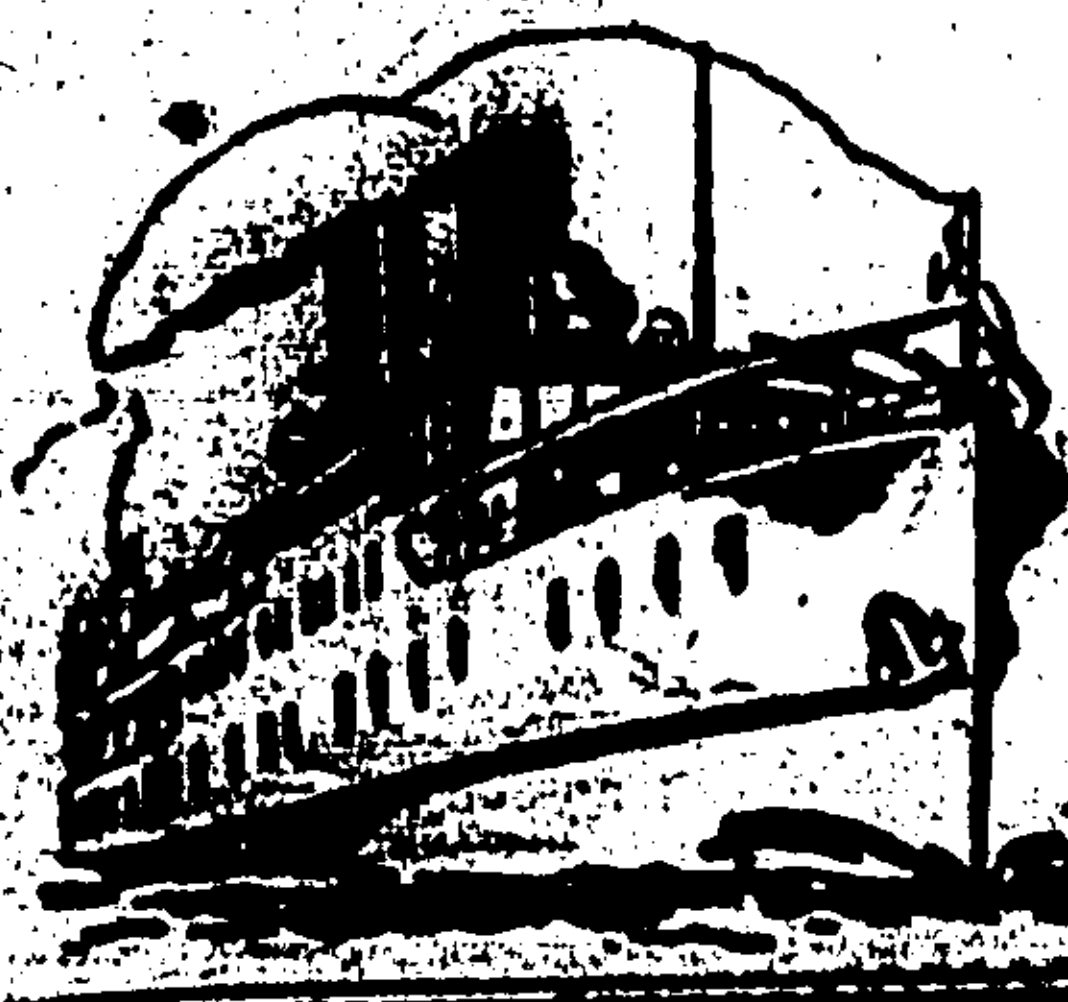
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GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club
starting times for Fanling for Sunday:—

OLD COURSE	
9.00 a.m.	H.E. the Governor.
9.16	J. W. Mayhew, W. Hewitt.
9.20	S. T. Buflin, W. L. Alexander.
9.24	A. R. S. Major, F. C. Young.
9.28	W. J. S. Key, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.32	G. W. Reeve, Col. Matthews.
9.36	R. G. Everest, R. C. Stewart.
9.40	L. M. S. Lloyd, R. R. de L. Liesching.
9.44	H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
9.48	P. Morrison, C. C. Black.
9.52	W. Sharp, T. Low.
9.56	A. H. McBride, R. M. Wood.
10.00	J. Harrop, D. L. Prophet.
10.04	G. W. Sewell, J. Linaker.
10.08	W. Woodward, C. W. E. Bishop.
10.12	C. C. Willson, H. A. Mills.
10.16	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.20	J. Stenersen, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
10.24	C. H. Burton, Comdr. Murray.
10.28	J. C. Taylor, A. B. Purves.
10.32	H. N. Williamson, L. Jackson.
10.36	L. Goldman, A. M. Mack.
10.40	D. J. Gilmore, A. Sommerfelt.
10.44	D. M. McDougall, T. Megarry.
10.48	M. S. Banner, S. W. P. Perry.
10.52	J. E. Jensen, H. S. Rees.
10.56	J. E. Jupp, C. B. Burgess.
11.00	G. C. Worrall, A. E. Lissaman.
11.04	T. E. and T. A. Pearce.
11.08	L. R. Andrewes, Cdr. Hole.
11.12	M. Pollock, J. B. Harrison.
11.16	G. M. Park, Major Johnstone.
11.20	R. J. K. Walker, G. Thomerson.
11.24	R. C. Gairdner, L. R. Cramer.
11.28	R. G. Gray, G. R. Riddell-Carre.
NEW COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	A. Morse, S. H. Dodwell.
9.24	H. F. Phillips, R. K. Valentine.
9.28	G. H. Cautherlay, D. Humphreys.
9.32	C. D. N. Walker, A. J. Dennis.
9.40	L. M. Wylie, Miss Dodwell.
9.44	D. Bosanquet, Miss Pritchard.
9.56	J. W. Clague*, V. K. White*.
10.00	P. E. Annis*, W. Harper*.
10.08	E. A. Bompas*, J. Redman*.
10.16	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.
10.24	J. K. Bousfield*, J. M. Pearson*.
10.28	Mrs. Bousfield, Mrs. Pearson.
10.40	Sir Vandeleur and Miss Grayburn.
10.44	F. B. Winter, Miss Vickers.
10.52	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
10.56	G. G. Altkenhead*, J. S. Dunnett*.
11.04	M. G. Carruthers*, G. T. Harrington*.
11.12	A. M. Kennedy*, Lieut. Carter*.
11.16	Major Simpson, Major Temple.

* Unsuccessful in Ballot for Old Course.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAMS

The following teams have been selected
to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in
matches arranged for the coming week:—

"A" XI v 2nd XI of Radio Sports Club
(on Club Ground at 5 p.m. on Monday):—
H. W. Brown; W. G. Schnabel and J. W.
Pennington; J. V. Steven, H. J. D. Lowe
(Capt.) and A. M. J. Wright; W. Spencer,
G. D. Woolgar, E. F. A. Morgan, E. W.
Bannister and I. P. Tamworth.
1st XI v 1st XI Club de Recreio (on the
Club Ground at 5 p.m. on Wednesday):—
V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed;
N. B. M. Whitley, W. A. Reed and R. A.
Bates; S. A. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. R.
Divett (Capt.), T. D. S. Whitley and B. I.
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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and
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BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1370 b., \$1380 sa.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$200 b.
Union Ins. \$430 b., \$440 sa.

SHIPPING

Douglases \$72 b.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$100 b.
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$80 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,

ETC.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$102 sa.
H.K. Docks \$21.65 b., \$21.30/21.70
sa.
Providents \$4.55 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$5¼ b., \$5¼ sa.
H.K. Realities \$4.35 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.10 b., \$17¼ s.
Yaumati Ferries \$23¼ b.
H.K. Electrics \$53½ b., \$53¾ sa.
Sandakan Lights \$11.10 b.
Telephones (Old) \$24¼ b., \$24¾ sa.
Telephones (New) \$9.10 b., \$9.10 sa.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$17½ b.
H.K. Ropes \$5.90 b.

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Watsons \$9.10 b., \$9.40 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6¼ b.
Constructions (Old) \$1¾ b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. 17½ sa.
Atoks Ps. 23 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. 22 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. 15 sa.
Big Wedge Ps. 25½ sa.
Coco Grove Ps. 17 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. 104 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. 13 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. 12 sa.
I.X.L. Ps. 40½ sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. 15 sa.
Itogons Ps. 30½ sa.
Mambulao Ps. 107 b.
Masbates Ps. 12¼ sa.
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Mine Operation Ps. 12 sa.
North Camarines Ps. 15 b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 19 b.
San Mauricio Ps. 95 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. 22 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 14½ sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. 102 sa.
United Paracales Ps. 35 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong
dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London silver was quoted yester-
day at 21-5/16 for spot and 21-1/2
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THE CHINA MAIL, JANUARY 5, 1940

THE HONG KONG WORKING ARTISTS' GUILD

The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild finds itself in urgent need of funds at the moment when the work of over four years is bearing good fruit. I am making this, our first public appeal for financial aid, at the suggestion of Sir Robert Kotewall.

Two and a half years ago Sir Andrew Caldecott, who had taken great interest in the Guild as a centre of fellowship between artists, and especially of reciprocity between Eastern and Western Art, expressed the hope in his farewell address to the Colony that the Guild should not be allowed to die for want of support. At that time the lean hot months were ahead, when there would be few to use the co-operative studio, then in its second year; and a veritable exodus of workers and supporters was taking place. Sir Robert nobly sponsored contributions from a group of twenty, several of whom were members of the Legislative Council, to enable us to make good. But for this timely aid we should certainly have perished, as the Sino-Japanese war broke out almost immediately afterwards, and revolutionised the prospects and character of the Guild. Whereas originally we had arranged exhibitions to make known to the public, and to market, the work of individual artists, our exhibitions took on the character of charities, being largely or in part in aid of Red Cross or other help for war victims, or to assist artists who were driven here in numbers from all over China by the war. We raised thus many hundreds of dollars, so that had we been working for ourselves even with the modest ten per cent charged on sales effected through the Guild, and contributions from those using the studio, we could have kept going and been enabled to extend our scope, instead of which we had to draw on our central fund month by month for deficit in working expenses.

Through the whole of 1938 we gave studio hospitality to many refugee artists and even schools, and our usual work of visiting and resident artists meeting and working together, sharing models and so on continued to grow somewhat fitfully. In the Autumn we formed the natural collecting centre for the collection of Representative Contemporary Art in China which Jack Chen wished to take as a return Goodwill Exhibition for the Exhibition of Graphic Art for the benefit of Chinese Army Medical Relief he had brought from Europe and U.S.A. In the Interior he could only collect war work which, though most striking and moving, by no means showed the normal development of recent Art in the Orient. We were able to gather paintings from a number of artists representative of all China.

No public display of this collection was possible owing to the fall of Canton. It has toured Europe, being shown in Paris and other places where it has received a good deal of attention and has had as much success as could be expected when tracked by the menace of war. In October it found refuge in Amsterdam, whence it was to be transferred to London. Insurance has had to be paid on some of these pictures and on the studio where we hold valuable modern pictures and some genuine ancient ones deposited for assistance given. Such expenses can only be regarded as frozen assets at present. By and large we have about a quarter of the sum originally given to us tied up by the war in Europe, and in consequence of this and the position of the use of our studio detailed below we are for the moment almost at the end of our resources.

On our laying the position before Sir Robert Kotewall he intimated after consultation with others of the group, that he himself and other donors were satisfied with the report of our work, and despite the heavy calls upon them at the present time some were willing to contribute again to our funds; but they considered that the Guild calls for much wider interest and support than that to be obtained from any small group of friends. If I would make a personal appeal I might be assured of immediate response from the group to head the list of contributions. A few months before the war in Europe began Mrs. L. Dunbar expressed the belief that many people in Hong-kong would be glad to contribute two dollars or so a month to enable us to begin a definite school of Art, and backed her own suggestion by generously subscribing for one year on this scale. The idea did not immediately catch on, and the onset of war destroyed all such schemes, and threatened to extinguish our work. However though with many anxieties we still live, and our objectives and opportunities are multiplying. We only need some backing to continue. Accordingly the Guild is opening two funds, to which we confidently expect support:—

(1) A Donation Fund, such as Sir Robert sponsored before, which does not commit the donor to any repetition of the gift;

(2) A Subscription Fund of small sums, from two dollars upwards, preferably to be paid quarterly or half-yearly in advance.

A start with the New Year for these subscriptions would be very enheartening.

Such support would form a guarantee of the rent and running expenses of our co-operative studio, which is the heart of our activities, and for the use of which we regulate our charges according to the means of those who make use of it for work

or teaching. The expenses cannot always be met out of members' subscriptions.

The Guild is somewhat loosely organised. We have a banking account, with Mr. Cyril Champkin as Treasurer, and Mr. E. A. Cemerhio as Hon. Secretary. Subscriptions should be sent to the latter at 15 Block A, Kennedy Road. Cheques should be made out to "The Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild." Contributions will be acknowledged in the Press. We have a small executive which changes for the various needs of our work, — shows, special jobs, classes, and so on. Luis Chan, as Vice-President undertakes everything requiring knowledge of Chinese and Chinese artists. I myself am styled President. As all management is unpaid all monies go direct to the work of the Guild. A few items regarding our activities will fully substantiate our claim to be a useful factor in keeping Hong Kong on the map as a centre of Art fellowship. During 1938 and 1939 we have introduced several world-famous artists, — here owing to expulsion from Europe and hitherto unknown in the Far East, — through exhibitions and sales of their works which have aroused interest in the more modern developments of pictorial Art. We have rescued from oblivion two noteworthy Chinese artists of genius recently dead, both by exhibition here and by sending a selection of their work to Europe and U.S.A. via Mr. Jack Chen.

At the studio we held a second series of lessons by a well-known teacher in Chinese Art for European students.

We cannot at the moment expect, as we had hoped, to get endowment for the foundation of an International School of Art, a permanent Art Gallery, and one for current exhibitions, which are some of our larger projects. We are however, glad to see that it is proposed to erect a temporary Town Hall, which we hope may help to solve some of our trouble about exhibitions.

Meantime we keep pegging away at the formation of a teaching Centre both for the Fine Arts and for Industrial and Commercial Art. In the summer, when we expected to be able to open a regular school towards the end of the year, we secured a

brilliant Director of Studies, at the forefront of the knowledge and practice of Western Art, whom nothing but exile would have brought to us; and whose teaching of basic drawing by a method entirely new to the Far East, as taught in Paris, is the best possible foundation for every form of Art. Pupils taught in the Summer School have astonished by their rapid progress. War has scattered the students and the classes arranged for the winter season. In order to keep our Director with us with the depleted clientele the Guild has in faith given free use of all our resources, — studio accommodation and attendance, publicity, exhibitions, and so on; and for this we have had to draw on our slender resources. We have also experts to help us in future organisation. In respect of relating the Fine Arts to life and the other Arts, we have among our members at least one Russian Artist skilled in stage setting and decoration, who is prepared to assist productions gratis. An important development of Guild work is the production of Public Health posters. At the request of the Medical Authorities six anti-cholera posters were co-operatively designed, and now speak from the walls and hoardings of Hong Kong to those who cannot read nor take in verbal warning. The Guild is now preparing a set on T. B., a task involving even more team work, consultation with experts, and collaboration in presentment by the special kind of artistic skill required for which Chinese knowledge of detail is very important.

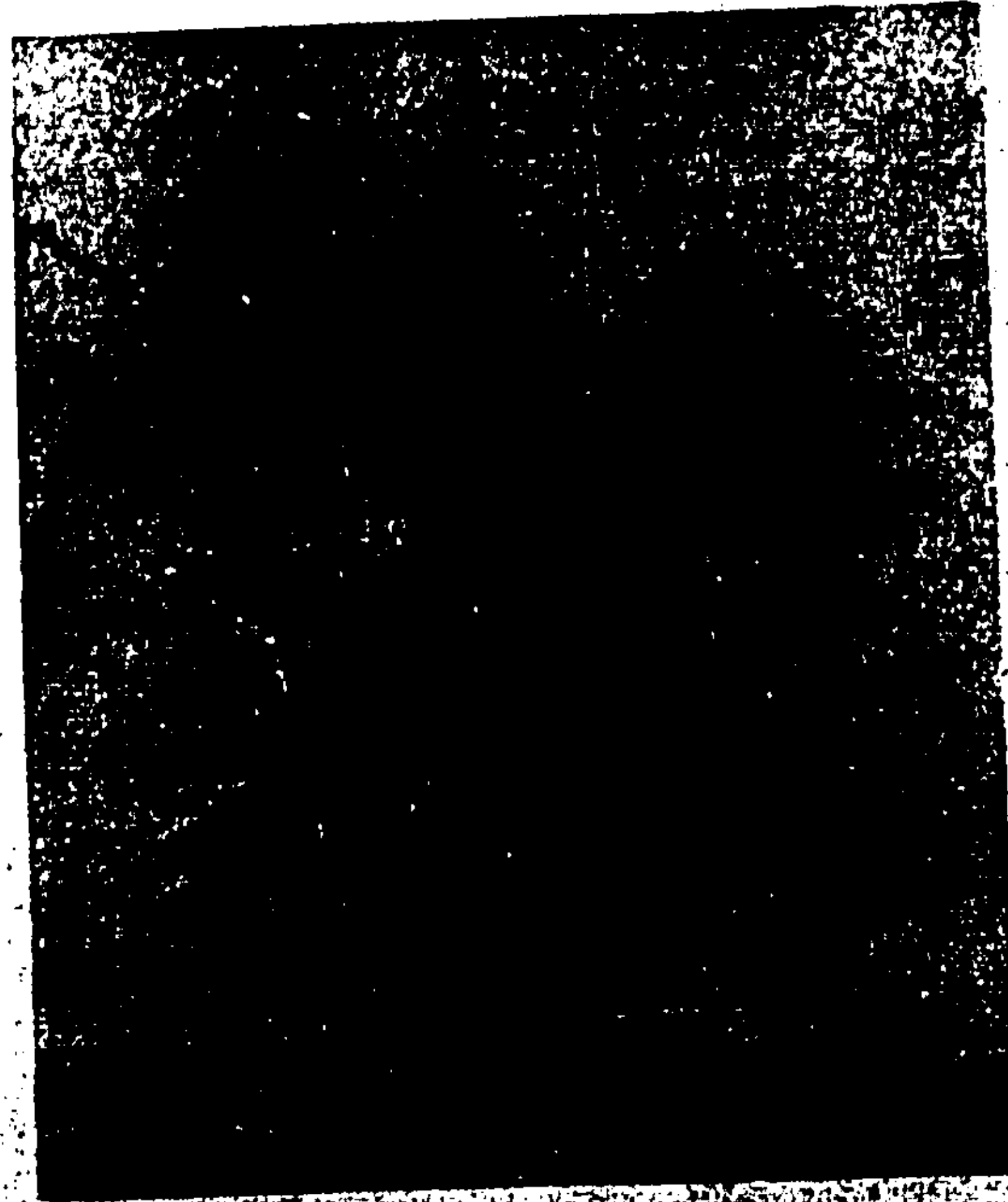
When it is realised that these activities have been kept alive and spreading on a capital sum of about 250 sterling for over two and a half years we may surely hope that Hong Kong will help us to do even more for the present distresses and future glory of the Colony on a sum at least four times that amount which would guarantee our security for a long time to come. We can all at this time cut down our luxuries, but as we were reminded in a recent broadcast from suffering Czechoslovakia "Art and Education for a civilised community are not luxuries but necessities."

(Signed) Irene M. Ashby Macfadyen
President, Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild.

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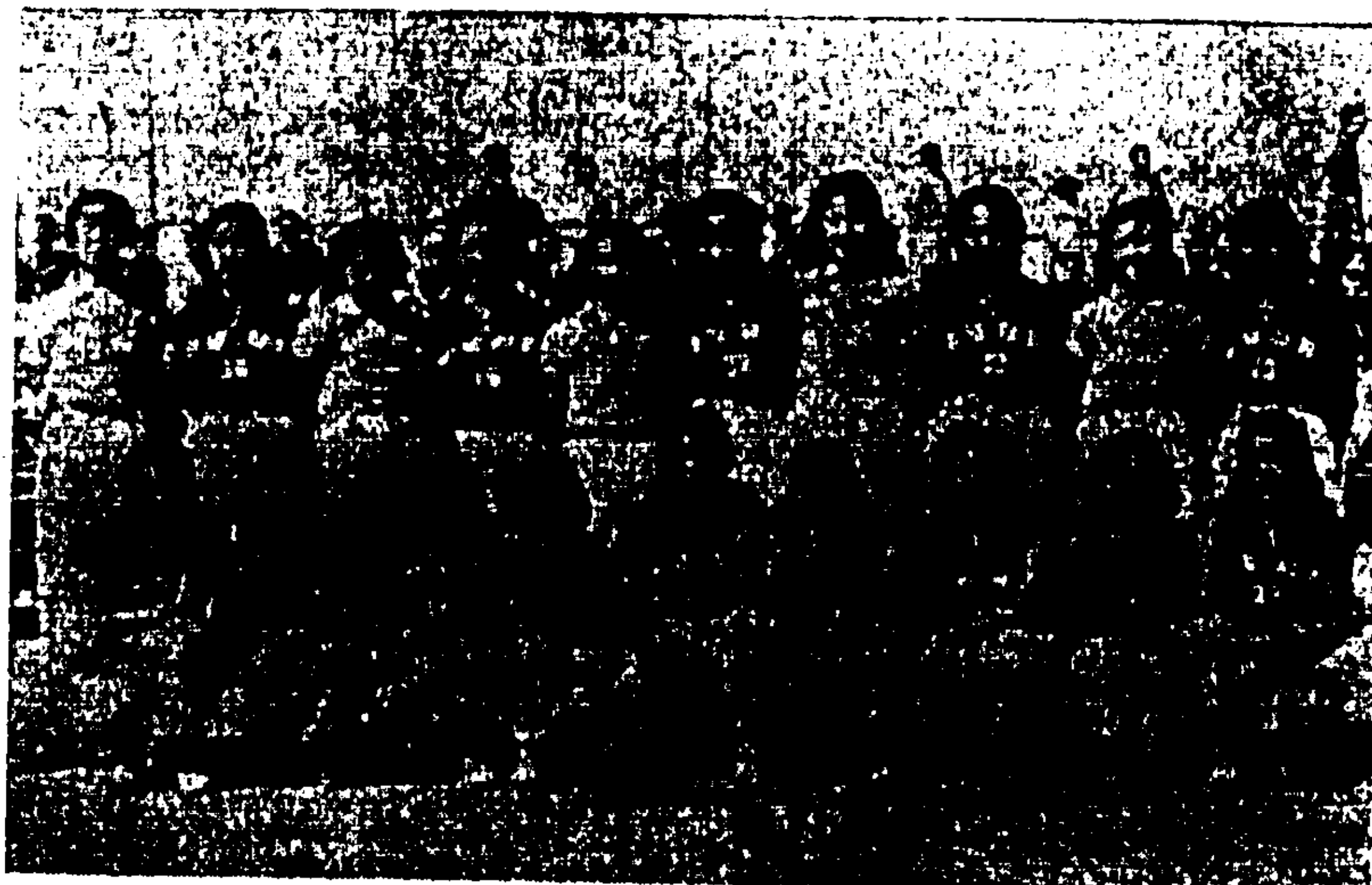
The Stoooges, who won the R.A. Polo Cup. Major R. J. L. Penfold. Lt. P. Nicholson, Capt. A. F. D. Colson and Lt. B. R. Smith.



A picture of the basketball game between Fong Lam Girls College and Kwang Tai Girls School at Happy Valley.



..... competitor in the egg and spoon race at the K.C.C. Children's Sports gets her final instructions.



The Fong Lam Girls College and Kwang Tai School teams photographed before their charity basketball match.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

Our old friends of U.S.S. Ashville and U.S.S. Mindanao had two encounters, at Ten Pins, one match being played on December 29, and the other on New Year's Eve.

In the first game played on December 29, Ashville won by 126 pins only and the individual scores were as follows:—

ASHVILLE		MINDANAO	
J. A. Harvey.....	823	J. T. Sheehan.....	837
C. G. Cuning.....	804	S. Golden.....	776
W. J. Salaski.....	784	F. P. Hollis.....	725
M. O. Gray.....	708	J. C. Thomas.....	635

In this first encounter J. T. Sheehan was easily the highest scorer with 837 to his credit or an average of 168 pins per game, a very good performance but not as much as this player can usually do. The second highest scorer was Joe Harvey (as usual) with 823 or an average of 165 pins per game. This is also a very fair score but Joe can also do better than this and has done on many previous occasions. The rest of both teams trailed away to about 150 or 165 average per game.

It was, however, a very interesting match, and highly appreciated by the large numbers of supporters of both sides.

Immediately after the match Mindanao challenged the winners to a return match and this was played off on New Year's Eve. On this occasion Ashville won a little more convincingly by 256 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

ASHVILLE		MINDANAO	
M. O. Gray.....	795	F. P. Hollis.....	794
C. G. Cuning.....	772	S. Golden.....	783
J. A. Harvey.....	767	E. L. Ritter.....	870
L. S. Pawlowski.....	742	L. J. Albrecht.....	873

As can be seen by these scores no player reached 1000 pins. M. O. Gray of Ashville was the runner-up with 795 pins.

F. J. Hollis of Mindanao had 794. Standard of scoring for both teams was not very high, but I suppose we must take into consideration that it was New Year's Eve!

F. P. Hollis of Mindanao started 1940 very well by notching, first 237, and afterward 253 at Ten Pins on New Year's Day. His bag for the 253 was as follows:—7 strikes in a row, finishing up with three spares. This is going to make our star bowlers go all out to beat this score.

On Tuesday Doc Molthen played S. A. Ismail, in the third round of the Singles Handicap Ten Pins Competition. He won the very comfortably by 84 pins. Doc's handicap was plus 9 and Ismail's plus 25 so Doc was conceding 16 pins per game. Individual scores were as follows:—

Doc Molthen.....	607	S. A. Ismail.....	523
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Actually, as the scores show, Molthen won level 123 pins on the three games. Molthen admitted after the match that he was very surprised at his easy victory, because, throughout the competition, Ismail had played real good bowls, having beaten Dudgeon on December 12, by 135 pins and Albert Odell on December 27 by 83 pins. It was generally expected, therefore, that Molthen would have all his work out out to beat Ismail. Doc Molthen bowled like one inspired and his score for the three games of 607, or an average of 202 pins per match, is easily the highest in the competition to date, although his 223 on his second game is not the best for the competition; this honour up to the present being held by Geo. North, who registered 230 in his game against Jack Graefel on November 30, last year.

Wednesday saw one of the most interesting and exciting Ten Pins matches that have ever been played in these Alleys. The match was a friendly between the Champs and the Ashville. The latter team won very comfortably by 165 pins.

The individual scores were as follows:—

ASHVILLE		CHAMPS	
L. S. Pawlowski.....	885	Dick Venezia.....	881
W. J. Salaski.....	885	Doc Molthen.....	807
M. O. Gray.....	808	Chas. Miller.....	728
C. G. Cuning.....	783	Gene Fagiano.....	728

As can be seen by the above scores Dick Venezia was top scorer with 881 pins, or an average of 193 pins per game—one of these days Dick is going to make his 1000 for five games or an average of 200 per game!

A very good second was L. S. Pawlowski of Ashville who registered for J. A. Harvey. Pawlowski made 885 pins in the first game, an average of 191 pins per game.

BADMINTON NOTES

SATISFACTORY SPIRIT
IN LOCAL BADMINTON*Few Postponements; The Game For The Game's Sake*OLIVEIRA AND
MISS M. RIBEIRO
PLAY WELL

(By "ADREM")

LEAGUE badminton continues to go steadily along and clubs are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which they have responded to the appeal addressed to them by the Hon. Secretary of the Association at the beginning of the season to the effect that they make every effort to play off their fixtures as arranged.

There have been one or two unavoidable postponements—as is inevitable in this day and age—but in practically every case the earliest opportunity has been taken to play these off.

A particularly pleasing feature has been the absence of unjustified postponements. That is, games postponed because clubs are unable to turn out their strongest possible team, and, while this spirit of playing the game for the game's sake, and not for what is to be won at it, persists, the future of badminton in this Colony is assured.

Most interest in the Mixed and "B" Division matches played during the week was centred on the first appearance as a pair of the Shanghai mixed doubles champions, Henry and Decima Eardley.

Their display at Recreio against the best-balanced team in the Colony, was a fairly notable one although they only managed to win two games.

Taken all round, however, the badminton that night provided nothing over which to enthuse. I have rarely seen the Recreio team play in such an uninspired manner.

OLIVEIRA PLAYS WELL

Marcus Oliveira nevertheless gave the lie to those who have been inclined to rate him as a has-been. He played quite as well as he has ever done. Not allowing the reputation of the Eardleys to worry him to any extent, he was at his best in this game, smashing with great power and accuracy and showing all his old ability to pick up apparently unreturnable shots.

Miss M. Ribeiro was quietly consistent and it was her unobtrusiveness which enabled Oliveira to race about the court, confident that he would not be thrown off his balance by a last-minute stab by his partner.

Any man who has played a fair amount of mixed doubles will appreciate this virtue in a partner!

J. J. Remedios, especially in the early stages, was disappointing. He scored a number of points with those well-known wrist-shots of his, played late and invariably at a most unexpected angle, but his smashing was right off. He came down on the shuttle with heads of power but a great proportion of his attempts at "kills" landed on the wrong side of the tramlines.

Miss Olga Ribeiro played fairly well, having severe on anything loose and generally in the right position, but I have seen her give better displays.

C. C. Pereira was somewhat below the standard of the other two men and Miss Melville Silva, who is Recreio's best lady player normally, was never able to settle down to her usual efficiency. She gave me the impression that a good deal more practice would not do her any harm!

KWOK STARTS BADLY

Of the visitors, I have already dealt fairly fully with the Eardleys in a previous issue. I was very disappointed with David Kwok in his first game. He was not to be recommended as the player who won the Junior Championship of the Colony last season. He answered all at sea and made numerous mistakes.

Mrs. Peter Wilson also struck an odd day and could do little to help. She was a terrible beginner from the start and Miss M. Ribeiro, who is Recreio's best lady player normally, was never able to settle down to her usual efficiency. She gave me the impression that a good deal more practice would not do her any harm!

Frank Kwok played fairly well throughout and it was not through lack of trying that he did not meet with success.

It was not to be expected that University, the champions, would be extended at Talkoo; and they were not! If this game accomplished nothing else, however, it should have provided Miss Uheng Khoo with much-needed experience, not to mention the added confidence that winning three games in successive matches will undoubtedly give her.

Miss J. Hung made her first appearance this season, and, although somewhat out of practice, assisted K. L. Yong to win three games.

It goes without saying that Miss Ulian Khoo, who has improved considerably, and her partner P. S. Bun, won all their games. I shall be surprised if there are now many pairs in Hong Kong who will beat them.

For Talkoo, J. Clarke and Mrs. McBeattie tried very hard and did very well in two games although they were unable to register a win.

TO NIGHT'S
BADMINTON

What should have been a very interesting match in Mixed Doubles Division, University v St. John's, fixed for this evening, has been unavoidably postponed. Only match that will be played, therefore, is Recreio "B" v K.C.C.

BADMINTON
PAIRINGS

There were no matches in "A" Division of the Badminton League played in the course of the week and the pairings list remains the same as that published last week.

Following are leading pairings in "B" Division and Mixed Doubles Division.

"B" DIVISION

	Games		
	P.	L.	W.
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	12	1	11
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	12	2	10
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	12	2	10
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong)	12	4	8
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	0	6
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	6	1	5
A. E. P. Guest and W. Gillies (St. Andrew's)	12	7	5
H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	6	1	5
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's)	9	5	4
A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's)	9	5	4

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BADMINTON

STRENGTH
OF ST.
JOHN'S

(By "ADREM")

There was a bit of a mix-up in the case of one club on Wednesday, when a full programme of "B" badminton matches was played. A. E. H. Castro, representative of Kowloon Tong, not having kept his fixture-list up to date, was under the impression that his team was down to play St. John's.

Actually the latter club played Recreio and by virtue of their 9-0 win, have established themselves more firmly than ever as strongest challengers to King's.

Only other team that might be in at the death is St. Teresa's, who, however, have already lost once, to King's.

It was at one time thought that Recreio would have a good deal to say as regards the ultimate destination of the shield but after their performance on Wednesday I can only conclude that I have over-rated them.

Some idea of the type of game that Eardley played against Recreio will be appreciated from the fact that Beavan, who was the weakest of the six St. John's players on view on Wednesday, in a previous match, against K.C.C., dropped a game when partnered with Frank Kwok.

The K.C.C. team is not to be compared with the side that St. John's had out and so it may be taken for granted that the usual weak third pair, which St. John's have had to carry for the past two seasons, is now a thing of the past, and, with this new balance, they can be expected to go from strength to strength.

FINDING TRUE FORM

Ernie Fincher and Henry Kew now appear to have settled down into something like their true form. They were the only St. Andrew's pair who did not drop a game to J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher of Kowloon Cricket Club on Wednesday.

Gillies and Guest, and Brown and Bliss both won two games and it is to be hoped that this, their first success, will encourage the Saints to steadily improved performances.

Splitting up A. L. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth in an effort to distribute their strength, did not weaken the K.C.C. team but it did little to improve it as Fisher and Anderson, who have had considerable experience of each other's play in the past, merely did what Fisher, with Wynter-Blyth, have done hitherto!

From what I have seen of his play I should imagine that Kew is rather a difficult person to play with in that he tries too many fancy shots and in so doing serves up a great deal of loose stuff.

If K.C.C. really wish to develop a better second string I feel that pairing Wynter-Blyth with T. A. Madar would be more effective. Madar is apt to take a long time to settle down but having done so he generally knows what to do. He has a good smash and some nice angle-shots which he knows when and when not to bring into operation.

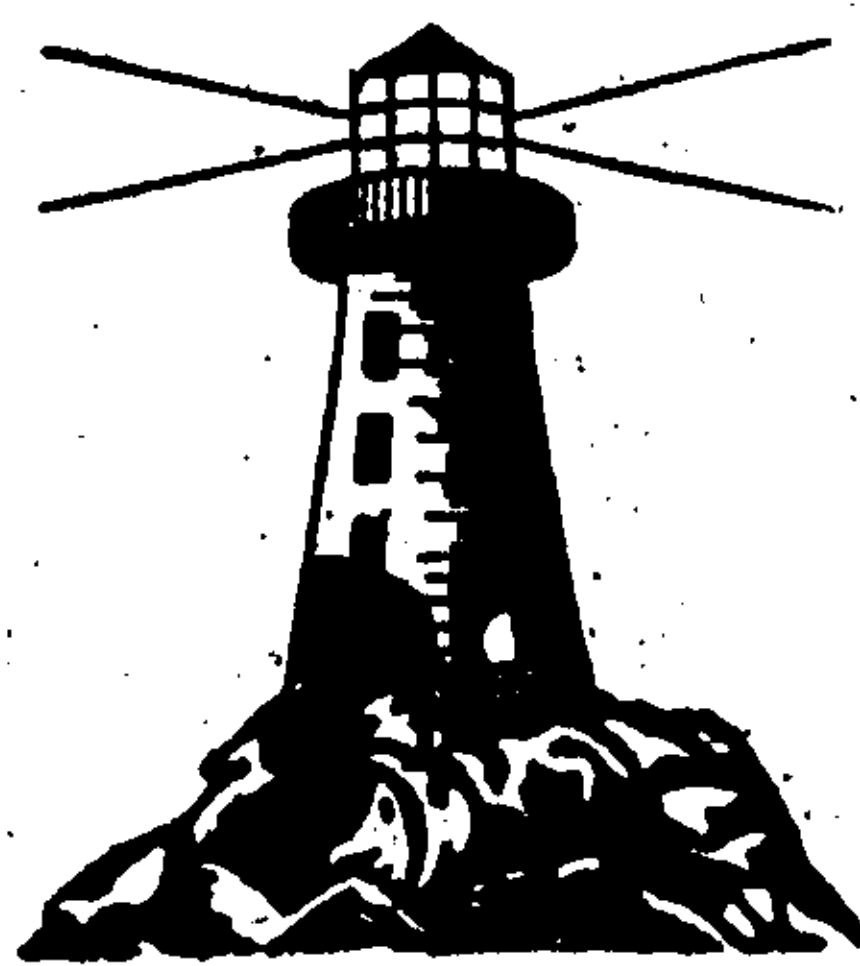
Although one or two of the games were quite hard-fought, St. Teresa's were never in any real trouble against V.R.C. whom they beat for the loss of one game. John Tang made his first appearance for the Church club in partnership with Austin Ho and won two games.

Nevertheless St. Teresa's appear to be ill-advised to experiment with their third pair. Joseph Lam played with Austin Ho in a previous game in the place of W. Ulrich, who is on the injured list, and did fairly well. If Ulrich is likely to be out of the game for any length of time I feel that St. Teresa's would be advised to work up the Lam-Ho combination.

HO IS GOOD

At the moment they have two very good pairs, and a good fifth player in Ho, who has one of the hardest smashes in the "B" Division. I am certain that Lam could give him the necessary support if given sufficient opportunities of playing with him in league games. Consistently playing different players with Ho is not going to improve his play nor is it going to strengthen the team generally.

W. M. Chung and S. P. Chan (King's)	9	5	4
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	9	5	4
H. Eardley and F. C. Beavan (St. John's)	9	5	4
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	6	1	5
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's)	9	5	4
A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's)	9	5	4

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VERY little is heard of the good football displays being put up by Royal Engineers, who are at present at the head of Second Division. They have, however, one of the best Second Division teams seen in the Colony for several years, and given any luck at all should "walk" the championship this season. Only things that I can see stopping them are an unusually high crop of injuries, and service reasons, which may prevent some of their stars from turning out regularly.

They have already suffered rather heavily this season with injuries and if they are hit much more by further injuries it will quite conceivably spoil their chances as they have not a great reserve of talent.

Moxham, the goalkeeper, who, I believe, has played for Aldershot Command at home, is almost certain to 'keep' for the Army this season, and from what I have seen of him, is the best goalkeeper seen in the Colony for many a day. He is very heavily built, but is amazingly agile for his size and is very safe with his handling, whilst he never wastes a goal kick by kicking wildly down the field but always attempts to find his man, a thing which all too few goalkeepers do.

WHETHER Army will ever break away from tradition and allow players other than Europeans to play

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

for them is a doubtful point, but if they ever do there is little doubt that Tang Chung-pak, the Engineer's left back, will walk into a place in the side. The old South China player is an extremely sure kicker and must be one of the best backs in the Colony.

Birrell, the right half, an ex-school-boy international, is another 'great' player in the side and would do quite as well in higher-class football. He is a very strong tackler, is never at a loss when parting with the ball, and can always beat his man if necessary. An adept at long swinging passes to the opposition wing he is an essential member of the side and his accurate passing will be missed if he is ever forced to stand down from the side for any reason.

The utility man of the side is Oughton, who plays equally well in practically any position on the field. He has played at centre half, outside left and outside right, besides the inside positions to my knowledge since he has been in the Colony and has proved himself a menace to the opposing defence in any position. Fast and tricky, with an aptitude for just the right

kind of passing, he must be recognised as perhaps the most useful of the side.

FOX, the leader of the attack, to my mind is one of the best centre forwards here who has not been able to secure recognition. Very fast indeed he has what a lot of other forwards lack, the knack of getting off the mark a yard in front of his opponent, and has an extremely telling shot whilst on the run, with either foot. I have never

seen him held completely by a defender yet and do not think it would be amiss if he were given a trial in higher spheres.

In the Army trial he played at inside right, but nevertheless still managed to give a good display although obviously out of position.

Iley is another dangerous member of the forward line and goes to complete what must be one of the best lines in the Colony, at least in junior football.

One I have not mentioned is Chan Kum-poy the inside left. Extremely frail in stature "Shu Shu" rarely goes for goals himself but plays Alex James style, making the goals for his colleagues. Never flustered, he has long been a thorn in the sides of opposing teams and is one more who must be considered if Chinese ever play for Army.

ARMY "B" TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Army "B" against Hong Kong Cricket Club "B" in the Junior Cricket League on the latter's ground to-morrow:—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (R.I.A.S.C.) (Captain), Brigadier T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer (R.A.M.C.), Capt. A. B. Whatman (R. Signals), Lieut. A. W. F. Peal (1/Middx Regt.), Lieut. B. A. Fergus

(2/R. Scots), Q.M.S. Patterson (R.A.M.C.), S/Sgt. Gardner (R.A.O.C.), L/Sgt. Chaplin (5th A.A. Regt. R.A.), L/Sgt. Dilnot (12th Hvy. Regt. R.A.), Spr. Bailey (R.E.).

Craigengower's match with Army to-morrow has been cancelled and an intra-Club game is being substituted.

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FOOTBALL NOTES

Interesting Items To Be Discussed By F. A. Council

SOME QUESTIONS RAISED BY REFEREES' ASSN.

(By "REFEREE")

AMONG the business which will be discussed at the monthly meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association are some far-reaching proposals or suggestions by the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, which were decided upon at two of their fortnightly meetings.

First proposal is that the rules of the League be altered so that First Division referees will be paid \$5 per game and not a sum of from \$3 to \$5.

Some years ago the finances of the Association were in a bad state and among the economies contemplated was reduction of referees' fees. At the time the Association could stand the \$5 per match then being paid, but were uncertain of the future, and it was felt that the rules of the Association should then be altered so that a reduction could be made in Referees' fees without the calling of an extraordinary meeting for this purpose.

The Referees' Association were assured by Football Association that when any reduction was necessary they would have ample notice, and that all First Division games referred prior to that notice would be paid at the rate of \$5 a match.

Matters turned out better than anticipated and it was unnecessary in the succeeding years to reduce the fees.

Referees, therefore, are assured of their \$5 per senior game and any alteration in the rules will not affect them for some time to come.

The second point is "that linesmen be appointed to all Second Division games". It is hardly reasonable to assume that referees are not able to control Second Division games capably without the assistance of qualified linesmen.

INSUFFICIENT OFFICIALS

At the present moment there are hardly enough officials for the matches each week-end and appointment of linesmen for Second

Division games would be difficult—a consideration which should be taken into account—other than the need of same. Linesmen for junior games would cost Football Association a considerable sum and Clubs so far have made no complaints about referees not being assisted by appointed linesmen.

The Rules of the Association provide that each club in Second and Third Divisions shall provide efficient linesmen to these games and more co-operation from clubs would perhaps satisfy the referees.

Incidentally, linesmen are not requested for Third Division games, and these are as difficult to control as Second Division games.

The third suggestion is "that a member of the Referees' Association be permitted to serve on the Referees' sub-committee of the Association."

This suggestion will probably not receive much consideration. The rules covering referees affiliated to the Association provide for a qualified referee—a member of the council where possible—on the Referees sub-committee but give the committee, failing this, the power to co-opt a qualified referee on the committee but only for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the committee in regard to the examination of candidates.

The above suggestions appear to have been made in good faith for the betterment of football and the better control of games but at a subsequent meeting more suggestions were put forward and these seem more in the manner of "grouches".

It was suggested that first-class referees be appointed only to First Division games, second-class referees to Second Division games and to First Division lines, while the third-class referees were to be confined to Third Division games and to First Division lines.

Before going any further it must be mentioned that Navy and Army classify their referees according to their own rules but that does not necessarily mean that a referee in a low class is not able to control a higher division game in the local League.

First Division referees have officiated at Third Division games and on the line and it is certain that such appointments were not considered slights to their capabilities. Nor were the junior referees deprived of a game as these appointments were only made after all available referees had been allotted a match or line.

If these suggestions were followed it would mean that only five First Division referees would be seen in action each week and that in a fortnight's time all Second Division referees would be idle—as the Second Division League will be completed by then.

Only individuals to really benefit would be Third Division referees and as there are fewer of them than First and Second Division referees they would have an appointment weekly, while their more capable brethren would be watching games.

REFEREES CLUBHOUSE

The Referees' Association have secured the option of two pieces of ground in the Valley for the erection of a club house. It is hoped that they will be successful in their endeavours as the Club would serve as a meeting place for lectures to players and spectators on football.

It is proposed to ask the Association to arrange a game for the Building Fund or to organise dances to raise the necessary funds. In this connection it is better for them to get on with their dances as it is feared that the Association will not be in a position to allot them a free date for such a match with the many postponed games this season.

In connection with a request by Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the Referees' Association, to the Press to criticise all referees—favourably or unfavourably—he may be assured that any official who mishandles or shows marked partiality in any game will get his due! It is always taken for granted that referees are well able to handle any games allotted to them and though no mention may be made of a referee discharging his duties properly the tactful handling of difficult situations will always receive mention where possible.

INTERPORT SOCCER

Selection of the Colony's Interport football team to meet Shanghai which should have taken place last night, was postponed until next week pending permission from the Government for the Civil Servants to make the trip.

SURPRISE REQUEST REFUSED

Hong Kong Football Association has refused to reinstate Lee Tak-kee and Lo Wai-kuen of Eastern to Second Division.

Both these players have figured very prominently in First Division football and this application is rather a surprise. The second Division programme finishes this month.

NAVY SOCCER

THOMPSON GIVES GOOD DISPLAY

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

Without the services of their best player, Phippens, who played on the right-wing for United Services against the "Rest of the Colony" on Boxing Day, and with several reserves, a team from H.M.S. Thanet lost by three clear goals in a friendly football match played at Causeway Bay yesterday, to a team from H.M.S. Phoenix, after being a goal down at the interval.

Hunt, who filled Phippens' position, was not at his best but Nicholson, centre-forward, and Parker, were both on top form and instituted many good movements.

GREENAWAY PLAYS WELL

Their intermediate line was best served by Greenaway, the pivot, who distributed the ball well. Woods, the 'keeper, whose brilliant display between the sticks spoiled many attempts to score and Hollinghorst, left-back, who, although a reserve, played an extraordinarily good game, were outstanding in defence.

The winners' defenders were not severely tested as their opponents were on the defensive for almost the entire game. The wing-halves worked hard, while Thompson, centre-forward, W. S. Tate, inside-left, and Williams, inside-right, formed a very strong attacking unit.

Thompson, who was the outstanding player on the field, scored two goals, one in the first period from a centre from the right-wing, and the other as the result of a solo effort in the early stages of the second half.

The third, and the final goal was netted by W. S. Tate shortly before the end.

H.M.S. Phoenix:—Phillips; Bennett and H. Tate; Barton, Adelaide and Spouse; Codagen, Williams, Thompson, W. S. Tate and Fairholme.

H.M.S. Thanet:—Woods; Adalm and Hollinghorst; Baldwin, Greenaway and Ravenscroft; Hunt, Cragg, Nicholson, Parker and Marriott.

SOCCER SUSPENSIONS

Bdr. Dunne, of 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, has been suspended for the rest of the season by the Emergency Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association for kicking an opponent.

South China's Third Division team have been awarded the points for their match against 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, the match was abandoned in the second half owing to the behaviour of several Gunners during the game.

The matter is being referred to the Hong Kong Area Sports Board for further investigation.

E. C. FINCHER AND BURNETT WIN K.C.C. TOURNEY

E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett (-40) won Kowloon Cricket Club's annual men's handicap doubles tennis tournament yesterday when they beat A. E. P. Guest and S. A. Gray (-30.3) in the Final, by 8-6, 6-4. The standard of tennis was poor, Fincher being the only player to play anything like his usual game.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

(Continued from Page 23)

	Games	P. L. W.
F. H. Kwok and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	3	1 2
D. Kwok and R. Maynard (St. John's)	3	1 2
J. L. Stephens and A. E. H. Castro (K. Tong)	3	1 2
R. A. Marques and H. Gonçalves (Recreio)	6	4 2
N. A. Beltrao and R. A. Yvanovich Jr. (Recreio)	6	4 2
O. el Arcull and S. A. Rum-jahn (V.R.C.)	6	4 2
J. Tang and Austin Ho (St. Teresa's)	3	1 2

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")	9	1 8
Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A")	6	1 8
Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok (St. John's)	9	2 7
P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo (University)	6	0 6
J. Clarke and Mrs. T. Beattie (Talkoo)	6	0 6
P. S. Bun and Miss Ulian Khoo (University)	6	0 6
Mrs. N. Strange and F. H. Kwok (St. John's)	9	4 5
H. F. Gonçalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio "B")	9	4 5
H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (St. John's)	6	1 5
N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio "B")	3	0 3
C. C. Pereira and Mrs. A. C. Carvalho (Recreio "B")	3	0 3
L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio "B")	6	3 3
Miss M. Ribeiro and L. A. Carvalho (Recreio "A")	3	0 3
K. L. Yung and Miss J. Hung (University)	3	0 3
M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")	3	0 3

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(Continued from page 22)

Feature of this match was the fact that there were no fewer than five scores of over 800—two for the Champs viz., Venezia 821 and Molthen 807, and three for Ashville viz., Balaski 865, Pawloski 855, and Gray 806.

Highest individual score for one game was made by Pawloski with 243, with Venezia second with 232, and Balaski third with 216. In Pawloski's game he started off with a spare, then seven strikes in a row, a nine on his ninth frame, a spare on his 10th frame, and a six, to finish up with 243.

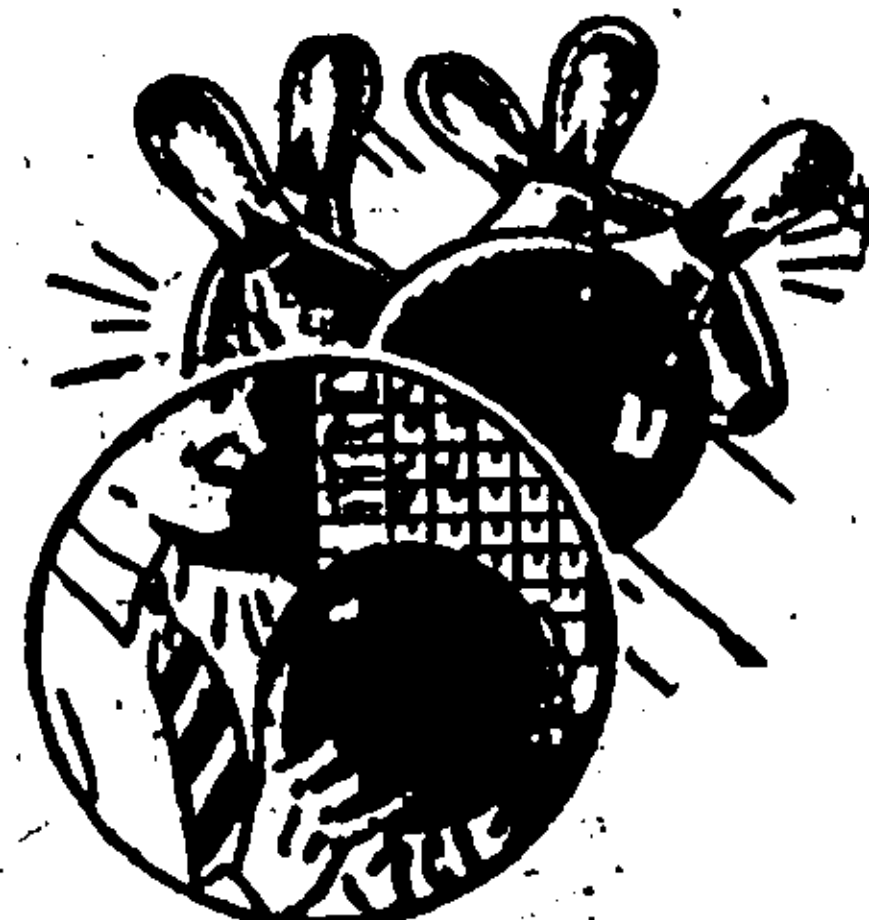
Venezia's effort was a strike, spare, spare, spare, four strikes in a row, a spare on his 8th frame, followed by two strikes, and a 7 with his last ball to make 232, both efforts were well deserved and merited the applause of the large number of bowling fans who were present.

Highest scores for the month of December were as follows:—

TEN PINS	
LADIES—Mrs. S. A. Iremail	202
MEN'S—L/Sgt. G. Somerville	252

DUCK PINS	
LADIES—Mrs. J. S. Landolt	134
MEN'S—C. B. Martinez	144

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6.00 p.m.—An hour of Variety with Clapham and Dwyer, The Hill Billies. The Boswell Sisters, Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins, and others. Vocal—"On Wings of Song" Memories (The Story of the Film). Told by Frances Clare with Joan Cross and Henry Wendon (Vocal). Banjos—Popular Party Hits—Medley. Intro: Here we are again; Knees up, Mother Brown; Tipperary; Soldiers of the King; There's a Tavern in the Town; Daisy Bell, Waiting at the Church; Come, Landlord, fill the flowing Bowl. Morgan and Hadley with Orch.

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Sentimental Gentleman from
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Vocal—Carry Me Back To The
Lone Prairie (Robison).
We'll Rest at the end of the Trail
(Poulton and Rose).
The Hill Billies with Their
Own Novelty Accompani-
ment.
Two Planos—Talk To Me (Ho-
ward and Others).
I'm Just Wild About Harry (Sis-

sie-Blake).

Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins
with string bass and drums.

Vocal — Dinah (Lewis-Young-
Akst).

The Boswell Sisters with Guitar
accompaniments.

Cinema Organ—Waltz Selection.

Intro: The Desert Song; Deep in
my Heart; Dream Lover.

Reginald Dixon.

Humorous Sketch—A Spot of
Fishing (Clapham and Dwy-
er).

A Surrealist Alphabet (Clapham
and Dwyer).

Clapham and Dwyer.

Two Pianos—Sweet Sue, Just
You; Heebie Jeebies; I won-
der where my Baby is To-
Night?; Rockin' Chair; Geo-
rgia On My Mind; Lazy Day.

Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.

Vocal—A Shanty in A One Horse
Town (Hill Billies).

Waltzing Matilda (An Australian
Song—Paterson and Cowan).

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7.00 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Geraldo and His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Latest Variety.

Accordion Band—"Carry On" Melodies.
Intro: It's a long way to Tipperary; Keep the home fires burning; Hello, hello, who's your lady friend?; Pack up your troubles; There's a long, long trail; Take me back to dear old Blighty.

Primo Scala's Accordion Band
with Vocal Chorus.
Fox-Trots—I'm Sending You The
Siegfried Line.
Adolf.
Billy Cotton and His Band with
Vocal Chorus.
Fox-Trot—Run, Rabbit, Run!
(from 'The Little Dog Laugh-
ed').
Quickstep—The Girl Who Loves
A Soldier (from 'The Little
Dog Laughed').
Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.
Waltz—Ain't Cha Comin' Out.
Dick Robertson and His 'Orch.
Fox-Trot—On The Outside Look-
ing In (from 'The little dog
laughed').

**Latest Variety
and
"World Affairs"**

Billy Cotton and His Band
Fox-Trots—There'll Always
An England.
Wish Me Luck (from "Ship
Sally").
Billy Cotton and His Band
Band Music—Cavalcade of Ma
Songs.
Fox-Trots—The Washing On
Siegfried Line.
When A Black Sheep Meet
White Sheep.
Billy Cotton and His Band
Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano
Jey No. D.30.
Vocal—The Shabby Old C
(Stillman).
The Moon Remembered But
Forgot (from "Let's be F
ous").
Elsie Carlisle with Orchest
Fox-Trots—I Poured My H
Into A Song (film "Se
Fiddle").
An Old-Fashioned Tune Al
Is New (film "Second Fidd
Jack Hylton and His Orche
9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on
cent Events.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News S
mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World
fairs."
9.45 p.m.—Spanish Music.
10.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—Va
ville Programme.
The Cast includes Alexander
Mose; Charlie Coborn, Bar
Williams, Anona Winn, Tor
Handley, Lily Morris and
B.B.C. Dance Orchestra condu
by Henry Hall.
The programme compared by T
my Handley.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

HOME RACING

London, To-day
Following are the final acceptance
with weights for the Red Cross S
plechase over 4 miles, 250 yards, v
ed at £3,000 to be run at Leopa
stown on January 20:—
Royal Danieli (12/7), Southern
(12/6), Rockquilla (11/12), Drum, La
(11/8), Antipas (11/6), Bally Ho
(11/2), Arran Peaks (11/0), Golds Cl
(10/), Clare County Shaun Peel and
Point (10/8), Russ; Lecygne, Bally Ho
and Birthliff (10/7) Jack Chaucer (1
Sterling Duke (10/4), Young Miso
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only trick for dummy's three remaining spades were then discarded on the heart suit.

Certainly it would have been far cheaper for East to incur the two-trick penalty he would have suffered at six diamonds.

Yesterday you were David Bruce
Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ A Q 10 7 4
♥ 6
♦ A 5 4
♣ A 10 7 2

The bidding:

You	Malier	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five clubs. You have a very sound opening bid with tremendous support for clubs. Hence you surely want to play game and are perfectly willing for your partner to go on to six if his hand warrants it.

Score 100% for five clubs, 80% for four clubs (a distinct underbid), 20% for three notrump (bad) or six clubs (an overbid); 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 300

Oswald Jacoby is your partner to-day and you hold:

♠ J 2
 ♥ A K 5 4 3
 ♦ 10 7 6 3
 ♣ A 9

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Yan	Malor
1♠	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠	Pass	(1)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

(Released by The Ball Syndicate)

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 10 8 8
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ K Q 7 6
 ♠ K Q 9 7
 ♥ 6 2
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ K 5
 ♠ J 10 8
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ A 9 8 5 2
 ♠ 5
 ♥ A J 10
 ♦ A Q J 9
 ♣ 8 6 3 2
 ♣ 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♥	1♠	Pass	3♦
4♣	4♠	Dbl.	5♦
Pass	Pass	6♣	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West made what should have been the best opening—the spade King. But unfortunately his partner had only one. South of course won with dummy's Ace and immediately played a heart. When East ducked, Declarer won with the King; then drew three rounds of trumps, leading in dummy. A second heart was led and East jumped in, but alas that was his



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Chicago, To-day.

"EVERYTHING LEADS TO the belief that Germany will seek during the first days of Spring to impose a final decision on the Allies by a terrific air, land and sea offensive in which the Nazis will use all their resources."

This declaration was made here yesterday by the British Ambassador, the Marquis of Lothian, addressing the Foreign Policy Association.

BORDER RETURNING TO NORMAL

EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY THE CHINESE TO RESTORE NORMAL CONDITIONS ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN SHUMCHUN AND SHATAUKOK.

The new Magistrate for the Po On District, Mr. Han Yu-san, arrived at Shumchun yesterday with ten administration officials. He is a native of Waichow.

The Chinese Maritime Customs stations along the border are once again functioning.

Lord Lothian continued: "Field-Marshal Goering declared a fortnight ago that Germany to-day must conquer the world or perish.

"That is why the Allies believe that Nazi Germany, and not Communist Russia, is the centre of the war.

"We and France are physically and morally ready for whatever may come." — Havas.

Reuter quotes Lord Lothian as saying he believed we would repel the German offensive.

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Shlukwan, To-day.

Having advanced too fast in their drive towards Shlukwan, Japanese troops at Yingtsak and Yunzyun, and along the Canton-Hankow Line are making a wholesale retreat southwards. They are threatened with isolation from their main forces and Chinese troops are reported to be inflicting heavy losses on the retreating Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announced last night that the R.A.F. had carried out successful reconnaissance flights over north-west Germany and patrols over seaplane bases in the Heligoland Bight.

All our machines returned. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

The British Government has given an assurance to the United States Government that "in very exceptional circumstances" German exports will be allowed to reach their destination.—Reuter.



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